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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JENNIFER S. FISCHMAN,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Index No. 18-cv-08188

MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL HOLDINGS, AMERICA, INC.;
MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL CORPORATION; MITSUBISHI
CHEMICAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION; NICHOLAS OLIVA, in
his individual processional capacities; DONNA
COSTA, in her individual and professional
capacities; and JOHN DOES 1-10, in their
individual and professional capacities,

Defendants.

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August 6, 2021 10:13 a.m.

DEPOSITION of RONA WEXLER, a

Non-Party witness, taken by the attorneys for the

Plaintiff, pursuant to Stipulation, held via web

conference, at the above date and time before

Toni Musacchia, a Stenotype Reporter and Notary

Public within and for the State of New York.

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and agreed by and between counsel for all parties present that pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 28 (a)(2), this deposition is being conducted remotely and that the court reporter shall be permitted to administer the oath to the witness via videoconference. The witness and all counsel are in separate remote locations and participating via Zoom platform under the control of bee reporting agency, Inc.

It is further stipulated that this videoconference will not be recorded in any manner and that any recording without the express written consent of all parties shall be considered unauthorized, in violation of law and shall not be used for any purpose in this litigation or otherwise.

Before I swear in the witness, I will ask each counsel to stipulate on the record that I, Toni Musacchia, the court reporter, may swear in the witness even though I am not physically in the presence of the witness and that there is no objection to

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- 2 that at this time, nor will there be an
- 3 objection at a future date.
- 4 MR. BERMAN: Agreed.
- 5 MS. PRIMAVERA: Agreed.
- 6 MR. JOLLY: Fine with me. Stipulated.
- 7 THE REPORTER: Ms. Primavera, can you
- 8 represent that to the best of your knowledge
- 9 and belief that the witness appearing today
- via web conference is, in fact, Rona Wexler?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Yes.
- 12 THE REPORTER: Pursuant to?
- MR. BERMAN: Stipulation.
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Stipulation.
- 15 RONA WEXLER,
- The witness herein, having been first
- 17 duly sworn by Toni Musacchia, a Notary Public in
- 18 and for the State of New York, was examined and
- 19 testified as follows:
- 20 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 21 BY MR. BERMAN:
- 22 Q. Please state your name for the record.
- 23 A. Rona Wexler.
- Q. Please state your address for the
- 25 record.

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 A. 15900 Riverside Dr. W, Suite 6C, New
- 3 York, New York 10032.
- 4 Q. Good morning, Ms. Wexler -- is it okay
- 5 if I call you Ms. Wexler today?
- 6 A. Absolutely.
- 7 Q. Terrific. Today I will be asking you a
- 8 series of questions, which you will be
- 9 responsible for answering, having sworn to tell
- 10 the truth.
- If you do not hear one of my questions,
- 12 please let me know. The microphones on these
- video conferencing are sometimes unreliable,
- 14 sometimes blinking or cut out. Please let me
- 15 know if it cuts off and if I need to repeat
- 16 anything, I'll be happy to do that. If I'm not
- 17 loud enough, please let me know and I'll try to
- 18 restate my question more loudly to make it more
- 19 audible.
- If you don't understand one of my questions,
- 21 please let me know that as well and I will do my
- 22 best to rephrase it in another way to make it
- 23 more understandable.
- Today we have a court reporter with us, she
- 25 will be transcribing your testimony and my

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- 2 questions. It's very difficult for her to take
- 3 down more than one person at a time. So I am
- 4 going to do my best today to try to allow you to
- 5 finish all of your responses without interrupting
- 6 you. Sometimes it's a little personally
- 7 challenging for me to do that because I am a New
- 8 Yorker and I will do my best. If at any point
- 9 you give a response and you haven't had the
- 10 opportunity to complete it, please let me know
- and I will give you the opportunity to finish
- 12 whatever you have to testify.
- 13 Similarly, please do your best -- even if you
- 14 anticipate what I am going to ask you -- to let
- 15 me get the entire question out so the court
- 16 reporter can get it down into the record.
- 17 It is also important today that, to the best
- 18 of your ability, to give verbal responses rather
- 19 than physical gestures because she can't take to
- 20 that down.
- 21 From time to time you may hear an objection
- 22 from one of the attorneys. Pursuant to the
- 23 agreement of the parties in this action, the
- 24 objections today are to preserve objections to
- 25 the form of the question at trial. So even if

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 you hear an objection, I am going to still expect
- 3 you to answer the question unless you're
- 4 specifically instructed by your counsel not to
- 5 answer.
- 6 Do you understand that today you're under
- 7 oath as if you were in a court of law?
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. If at any point today you wish to take a
- 10 break, please let me know and I will be happy to
- 11 accommodate break requests from you or any other
- 12 participates -- I intend to call a number of
- 13 breaks myself. It's not intended to be any kind
- 14 of endurance competition today. We want you to
- 15 be comfortable take, we want you to be able to
- 16 take care of whatever needs to be taken care of.
- Do you understand all of those sort of ground
- 18 rules for how we're going to proceed today?
- 19 A. I understand all of them, yes.
- 20 Q. Terrific. Are you currently taking or
- 21 refraining from taking any medication which could
- 22 affect your ability to testify truthfully and
- 23 accurately today?
- A. No, I am not.
- 25 Q. Do you have any medical condition which

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 may affect your ability to testify accurately?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Do you suffer from any medical condition
- 5 that impairs your memory?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Have you ever been deposed before?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. How many times have you been deposed?
- 10 A. Well over a dozen.
- 11 Q. Are those in connection with lawsuits?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Approximately, how many lawsuits have
- 14 you testified in?
- 15 A. In testimony bench trial and jury
- 16 trials, probably somewhere over 75.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. It's also including arbitrations and --
- 19 yeah, mostly arbitration.
- Q. Did you do anything to prepare for
- 21 today's testimony?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Without revealing any privileged
- 24 communications that you may have had with any
- 25 attorneys, can you tell me, generally speaking,

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- 2 what did you do to prepare for today's testimony?
- 3 A. I reviewed the report that I submitted.
- 4 I also reviewed samples of some of the footnotes
- 5 are that are included in the report. I reviewed
- 6 the documents that I had prepared to summarize
- 7 some of the findings in the report, particularly
- 8 numerically, things of that nature.
- 9 Q. Okay. Did you -- without telling me the
- 10 substance, did you meet with any attorneys in
- 11 connection with your testimony today?
- 12 A. Did I meet with any attorneys, no.
- 13 Q. Did you have any communications with any
- 14 attorneys concerning the substance of your today
- 15 testimony today?
- 16 A. Not the substance, no.
- 17 Q. In connection with your deposition
- 18 today, did you any communications with anyone
- 19 else other than attorneys?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. What was the general nature of those
- 22 discussions?
- 23 A. I connected with my -- communicated with
- 24 my lead evaluator and associate, who is in the
- 25 Midwest, and he had helped perform the analysis

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- of the statistics of the labor market research,
- 3 et cetera, so I was conferring with him.
- 4 Q. Are you aware that there are other
- 5 experts testifying in this case on behalf of the
- 6 defendants?
- 7 A. I'm aware of one.
- 8 Q. Who are you aware of?
- 9 A. Chad Staller.
- 10 Q. Did you have any communications with Mr.
- 11 Staller prior to testifying today?
- 12 A. No, I did not.
- Q. Did you provide Mr. Staller a copy of
- 14 your expert report?
- 15 A. I did not provide him a copy, no.
- 16 Q. Did he provide you a copy of his expert
- 17 report?
- 18 A. No, he did not provide me a copy of an
- 19 expert report.
- 20 Q. Did he provide you with any --
- MR. BERMAN: Withdrawn.
- 22 Q. Did Mr. Staller provide you with any
- 23 information concerning the opinions that he is
- 24 preparing to offer in this case?
- 25 A. No, he did not provide me with anything

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- 2 regarding his opinion. The only thing he
- 3 provided was the documentation from Forensic
- 4 JobStats for the labor market research, since
- 5 it's an organization we partner with on a
- 6 frequent basis. He happened to have engaged with
- 7 them first.
- 8 Q. Do I understand correctly that to the
- 9 extent that you relied upon data from the
- 10 Forensic JobStats' database, that that data was
- 11 provided to you by Mr. Staller?
- 12 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection. If you
- understand you can respond. Otherwise you
- can ask him to break it up.
- 15 A. He did provide the data. We also
- 16 analyzed it on our own.
- 17 Q. Setting aside the analysis, did you
- 18 obtain any Forensic JobStats data independently?
- 19 A. No, I believe we consulted with FJS to
- 20 make sure he had it. But other than that, it
- 21 came from -- I believe it came from Mr. Staller's
- 22 office.
- 23 Q. So any data that you possess that you
- 24 used in your expert report, you obtained it from
- 25 Mr. Staller; did I get that right?

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- 2 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 3 A. Mr. Berman, I'm not really sure. I
- 4 think we may have asked them to send us that data
- 5 as well. I would have to double check on that.
- 6 Because I have all of it here and I'm not sure if
- 7 they provided it or Mr. Staller's office provided
- 8 it. I think we got it from FJS once they got
- 9 permission from Mr. Staller's office.
- 10 Q. When you refer to FJS, is that an
- 11 acronym for Forensic JobStats?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. So the information that was provided to
- 14 you, did you query the database?
- 15 A. We don't query the database, Forensic
- 16 JobStats queries the database. It's rather
- 17 massive and we don't necessarily query it. We do
- 18 look at parameters that we want to research.
- 19 Q. And who determines the parameters that
- 20 are researched on Forensic JobStats?
- 21 A. It would be -- well, Mr. Staller's
- 22 office ordered it and then we looked at those
- 23 parameters and I believe we also assessed them
- 24 and believed that they were appropriate.
- 25 Q. Do you know whether your analysis of the

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- 2 Forensic JobStats data differs in any way from
- 3 Mr. Staller's analysis of that data?
- 4 A. I would have to check but I think we
- 5 found -- we went through the numbers and we
- 6 thought we found a discrepancy, it turned out we
- 7 did not. So I would say no.
- 8 Q. When you say "we went through the
- 9 numbers," who are you referring to?
- 10 A. My associate, Dr. Turner.
- 11 Q. Dr. Turner and yourself went through
- 12 certain numbers, correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Which numbers did you go through with
- 15 Dr. Turner?
- 16 A. The numbers -- with Forensic JobStats,
- 17 we went through the numbers of the different job
- 18 openings that were posted that were identified
- 19 through Forensic JobStats and did some sampling
- 20 of it as well. That's a pretty much it. And
- 21 then, although, we had some questions it turned
- 22 out we were pretty much on the same page.
- 23 Q. You were pretty much on the same page as
- 24 what?
- A. As to the numbers of job openings that

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- 2 we found that were published and appropriate and
- 3 that weren't duplicates.
- 4 Q. I just want to understand what you're
- 5 telling me a little bit more closely.
- 6 You were provided with numbers from Forensic
- 7 JobStats or from Mr. Staller; is that correct?
- 8 A. Yes. I'm pretty certain -- I will
- 9 double check -- it if came directly from Forensic
- 10 JobStats once we had permission to obtain that
- 11 information.
- 12 Q. Okay. Those numbers pertain to what?
- 13 A. The published job postings that met
- 14 certain criteria that we believe Ms. Fischman was
- 15 qualified to make application to.
- 16 Q. Okay. So are you referring to the
- 17 quantity of the job postings that were
- 18 published -- the number of them?
- 19 A. Yes, the quantity.
- Q. And you said that those met certain
- 21 criteria, correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 O. Who determined what criteria were
- 24 applied to the query of the FJS database?
- 25 A. Well, I believe it was Mr. Staller's

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- 2 office.
- Q. Did you use the same criteria for the
- 4 query that Mr. Staller's office used?
- 5 A. Well, we didn't order a second run. So
- 6 whatever was provided to us, that was it. And it
- 7 appears that we used the same criteria at that
- 8 point.
- 9 Q. I'm trying to understand a little more
- 10 closely.
- 11 Did you design your own criteria to query the
- 12 Forensic JobStats' database?
- 13 A. No, we did not, Mr. Staller's office did
- 14 that.
- 15 Q. To the extent that you're using a query
- of the Forensic JobStats' database, are you
- 17 relying on the work of Mr. Staller to designate
- 18 that query.
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you review the work of Mr. Staller
- 22 in designating that query at the Forensic
- 23 JobStats' database?
- 24 A. We reviewed the criteria that he used to
- 25 source those jobs. He did provide those.

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- 2 O. Are those criteria listed somewhere on
- 3 your with expert report?
- 4 A. I don't believe so.
- 5 Q. Okay. So can --
- 6 MR. BERMAN: Withdrawn.
- 7 Toni, can you please pull up the expert
- 8 report. It's one of the exhibits that was
- 9 sent to you.
- 10 Mark this exhibit as Wexler Exhibit 1.
- And for identification, this is the report
- that was prepared by Rona E. Wexler, M.A.,
- 13 ABVE/D and it's entitled Jennifer Fischman
- 14 Vocational Evaluation Report.
- 15 (Wexler Exhibit 1, marked for
- identification.)
- 17 MR. BERMAN: Toni, can you scroll back
- up to the top of the document so we can see
- 19 the table of contents.
- Can you, please, turn to page 36 of the
- 21 document.
- Q. Ms. Wexler, are you looking at Appendix
- 23 C?
- 24 A. I am.
- 25 Q. Is this a list of materials that your

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 report is relying on?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. I don't see any indication concerning
- 5 your reliance upon the materials provided by
- 6 Mr. Staller.
- 7 A. No, I do not -- and that is an
- 8 oversight. Normally we attach the appendix, if
- 9 we wish, whatever was requested, so it becomes
- 10 clear and we also referenced it in the report.
- 11 However, it not listed in Appendix C. I
- 12 understand that.
- Q. Was there any other material that was
- 14 provided to you by Mr. Staller besides the
- 15 Forensic JobStats information that you described
- 16 already?
- 17 A. No, that was the only documentation that
- 18 we were interested in.
- 19 Q. Are there any under other materials that
- 20 your report relies upon that are not listed in
- 21 Appendix C?
- 2.2 A. Not that I can recall at this time.
- 23 Q. Do you know why two different experts in
- 24 this case are looking at the same Forensic
- 25 JobStats information?

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- 2 A. I can only tell you what I know about
- 3 why we use it. So ordinarily in a case like
- 4 this, I would have requested the use -- I would
- 5 have requested the use of Forensic JobStats with
- 6 counsel. They had already engaged Mr. Staller
- 7 and said that he had ordered it already. There
- 8 were no point in --
- 9 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection. Please don't
- disclose any attorney/client conversations.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Right.
- 12 Q. Do you know what Mr. Staller was asked
- 13 to opine on in this case?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 15 A. I've worked with Mr. Staller before and
- 16 he does economical calculations on damages, I
- 17 quess, but that's all I know.
- 18 Q. All right. Do you know what scope of
- 19 work Mr. Staller was retained to provide in this
- 20 case?
- 21 A. Not specifically.
- Q. What scope of work were you retained to
- 23 provide in this case?
- A. My scope of work was to evaluate Ms.
- 25 Fischman's employability -- employee capabilities

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- 2 as to how she can apply that to other employment
- and to evaluate the diligence of her job search
- 4 to find such employment.
- 5 Q. Okay. Were you retained according -- or
- 6 pursuant to a contract?
- 7 A. You mean, was I retained? I'm not sure
- 8 I understand the question.
- 9 Q. Is the work that you're providing in
- 10 this case pursuant to a written instrument?
- 11 A. Yes, I have a retainer agreement with
- 12 counsel.
- 13 Q. Does that retainer agreement set forth
- 14 the scope of work?
- 15 A. It's a standard retainer agreement. And
- 16 it pretty encompasses the one thing -- yes, it
- 17 pretty much covers the services. It's all
- 18 inclusive. Some services may not or may not be
- 19 utilized.
- 20 Q. Does your standard retainer agreements
- 21 provide that your scope of work will include any
- 22 evaluation of employment capabilities to be
- 23 applied to other employment?
- 24 A. Yes, it will include that type of
- 25 evaluation, yes, sir.

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- 2 Q. Does your standard agreement's scope of
- 3 work include evaluating the diligence of a
- 4 person's job search efforts?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Does your standard agreement's scope of
- 7 work include performing an analysis of duration
- 8 of unemployment?
- 9 A. It will not state that specifically,
- 10 sir.
- 11 Q. Do you know whether the scope of work in
- 12 your standard retainer agreement overlaps with
- 13 the scope of work that Mr. Staller was engaged to
- 14 perform.
- 15 A. It may have overlapped.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. I didn't communicate with Mr. Staller so
- 18 I don't know to, you know, if there was an
- 19 overlap.
- Q. Did you take any steps to ensure there
- 21 would be no duplication of work provided in this
- 22 case?
- 23 A. I performed my own work according to the
- 24 practices that I generally employ. So if there
- 25 is some duplication -- it could happen but it's

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- 2 nothing that I checked.
- 3 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Staller offered
- 4 any opinions on the same subject matter that your
- 5 offering opinions on?
- 6 A. No, I do not.
- 7 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Staller reached
- 8 any different opinions than the ones that you
- 9 reached in this matter?
- 10 A. No, I have no knowledge of Mr. Staller's
- 11 opinion.
- 12 Q. Did you make any changes to the scope of
- work in your standard retainer agreements in
- 14 order to provide testimony in this case?
- 15 A. I don't believe I did. I believe it was
- 16 a standard -- rather all-encompassing standard
- 17 agreement.
- 18 Q. Can you tell me what opinions you're
- 19 offering in this report?
- 20 A. My opinions refer to a couple of
- 21 different areas.
- One is evaluating Ms. Fischman's
- 23 employment history and the skills and knowledge
- 24 and capability she developed throughout heifer
- 25 career. How those might apply to related

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- 2 occupations for employment where she could be a
- 3 competitive candidate to find employment in those
- 4 areas -- those roles.
- 5 And then it was to evaluate what was a
- 6 reasonable expectation about the duration of her
- 7 unemployment.
- 8 And lastly what efforts she made to find
- 9 such employment that met the standards of a
- 10 reasonable diligent job search during her period
- 11 of unemployment.
- 12 Q. Okay. Feel free to reference or to
- 13 direct the court reporter to scroll you through
- 14 the document if that assists you in providing
- 15 answers, okay.
- With that understanding that you're free to
- instruct the reporter to change the display, how
- 18 many opinions are you offering in this expert
- 19 report?
- 20 A. I think we should go to the summary so I
- 21 can take a look at that just to be sure. The
- 22 summary will be probably be somewhere on page 25
- 23 or 23 -- something like that.
- As you can see in the summary on page
- 25 23, I summarized a statement about Ms. Fischman's

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- 2 extensive experience and employment history as a
- 3 lawyer and some of the areas in which she had
- 4 practiced.
- 5 And then the other opinion -- opinions
- 6 that I offered was her failure to meet minimal
- 7 standards of time, effort, recordkeeping or
- 8 performing a variety of activities and
- 9 decisionmaking that would necessitate a diligent
- 10 and effective job search.
- 11 MR. BERMAN: Toni, can you scroll down
- slowly so the witness can see this summary
- continues to the next page.
- Q. Ms. Wexler, let me know when you had
- opportunity to look over the summary.
- 16 A. Uh-huh.
- 17 Q. Just referring to the portion of the
- 18 answer you just gave me, how many opinions does
- 19 that reflect; is that one opinion or multiple
- 20 opinions?
- 21 A. Well, one opinion is about her
- 22 qualifications, obviously, and the -- what we
- 23 would call the employability assets that she
- 24 would bring to a future employer, so that is one
- 25 opinion.

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- 2 The other one is the diligence of her
- 3 job search, how she planned it, carried it out,
- 4 and how it met the standards that's known in my
- 5 profession as the standards of a diligent job
- 6 search. And inside of that opinion is that her
- 7 quantity of job search activities, in my
- 8 professional opinion, were at a reasonably low
- 9 number during the 19 month period following her
- 10 departure from Mitsubishi.
- 11 Q. So is that three opinions?
- 12 A. Well, I would say that the last portion
- of my answer is embedded in the major opinion
- 14 about efforts to execute a diligent job search.
- 15 Q. Okay. Do we agree then you're offering
- 16 two opinions?
- 17 A. It appears so.
- 18 Q. Are you offering any other opinions in
- 19 this matter at trial -- if it goes to trial?
- 20 A. Can we scroll down to the conclusion
- 21 please just so I can make sure I see that.
- 22 Q. Sure.
- 23 A. Further down -- just this page.
- The other opinion I have proffered is
- 25 that within a certain period of time she had a

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 reasonable expectation to have found new
- 3 employment as a lawyer with compensation that
- 4 would be comparable to what she had last earned
- 5 at Mitsubishi.
- 6 Q. Did you say within employment comparable
- 7 to what she had at Mitsubishi?
- 8 A. With employment -- with employment or
- 9 compensation.
- 10 MR. BERMAN: Toni, can you please pull
- 11 up -- it's going to be another exhibit
- 12 marked Wexler Exhibit 2 -- PDF labeled
- 13 2020.09 CV, underscore, Rona Wexler.
- 14 (Wexler Exhibit 2, marked for
- 15 identification.)
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's my CV.
- 17 MR. BERMAN: I've identified for the
- 18 record that Wexler Exhibit 2 is the CV that
- we were provided for Rona Wexler.
- Q. Ms. Wexler, are you looking at the
- 21 document?
- 22 A. Yes. It's cut at the top -- yes, I am.
- 23 O. You've seen this document before,
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. Yes, I've seen it many times.

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- Q. Is it a current version of your CV?
- 3 A. At the time, yes. It's still pretty
- 4 current, yes.
- 5 Q. Have there been any material changes to
- 6 your CV since you provided it in this matter?
- 7 A. I would say no material changes, no.
- 8 Q. Does this CV reflect your qualifications
- 9 to give testimony in this matter?
- 10 A. I believe it does.
- 11 Q. Do you have any other qualifications to
- 12 provide testimony in this matter that are not
- 13 listed in your CV?
- 14 A. I don't believe so.
- 15 Q. Do you have a degree in undergraduate
- 16 education?
- 17 A. I do. I have baccalaureate degree from
- 18 Emerson College with major in English literature
- 19 and two minors; one in education and the other is
- 20 in communications -- speech and communications.
- 21 Q. Do you have any other postgraduate
- 22 degrees?
- 23 A. I have a graduate degree and a Master of
- 24 Arts from New York University Steinhardt School
- of Education in counseling, psychology and

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 guidance.
- Q. Do you have any other degrees?
- 4 A. No, I do not.
- 5 Q. Do you have any scientific training?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Do you have any statistical training?
- 8 A. Other than what I encountered in my
- 9 graduate studies, no.
- 10 Q. Did you have statistical training in
- 11 your graduate studies?
- 12 A. Somewhat.
- Q. What was the extent of your statistical
- 14 training in your graduate studies?
- 15 A. A basic course in statistics.
- 16 Q. Are you an expert in statistics?
- 17 A. Absolutely not.
- Q. Do you have any degrees in economics?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Do you have any certifications in
- 21 economics?
- 22 A. No, I do not.
- Q. Do you have any degrees in labor market
- 24 analysis?
- 25 A. I don't have a degree in labor market

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 analysis.
- Q. Do you have a degree in economics?
- 4 A. No, I do not.
- 5 Q. Do you have any certifications in labor
- 6 market analysis?
- 7 A. The only certification I have is as a
- 8 diplomate with American Board of Vocational
- 9 Experts, which requires us to have knowledge and
- 10 ability to assess labor market research.
- 11 Q. What is the American Board of Vocational
- 12 Experts?
- 13 A. It is a national organization that
- 14 provides certification credentials for forensic
- 15 vocational evaluations.
- 16 Q. You mentioned that you are a diplomate
- 17 from that entity, correct?
- 18 A. I did.
- 19 Q. Is a diplomate a certification?
- 20 A. It is.
- Q. What are the elements required to obtain
- 22 that certification?
- 23 A. First, there is a minimum requirement of
- 24 a graduate degree in area that is considered
- 25 appropriate for this type of certification, that

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- 2 could be counseling, vocational rehabilitation,
- 3 certain social service degrees, et cetera -- so
- 4 that's one.
- 5 The other one is a minimum before you
- 6 can even be asked to sit for an examination, you
- 7 must demonstrate a minimum of seven years of
- 8 forensic experience as a vocational evaluator and
- 9 then you are required to submit an application
- 10 with evidence of work product that you produced
- 11 during your forensic experience, which is then
- 12 reviewed by a minimum of three peers and if you
- 13 are approved -- if it meets the standards of
- 14 methodology and work product, et cetera, then you
- 15 are permitted to sit for an exam that is
- 16 approximately four hours. And if --
- 17 Q. What is a -- go ahead.
- 18 A. And if you pass the exam and all the
- 19 other steps then you are certified with that
- 20 credential. To maintain it, you must remain a
- 21 member of the organization and complete at least
- 42 continuing education units over a period of
- 23 three years.
- Q. Have you completed your response?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- Q. What is a vocational evaluator?
- 3 A. A vocational evaluator is another term
- 4 for evaluating a person's employment
- 5 capabilities; performing a transferable skills
- 6 analysis where appropriate; understanding what,
- 7 if any, limitations might be encompassed in that
- 8 evaluation, how it might be accommodated and/or
- 9 to the degree to which it may limit someone's
- 10 employment if any. And then to -- the vocational
- 11 evaluation will usually -- not always -- conduct
- 12 labor market research to understand what the
- 13 employment opportunity will be for the occupation
- or profession that someone would be qualified to
- 15 pursue and be an active candidate for.
- 16 Q. Have you ever authored a peer reviewed
- 17 article?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Have you ever participated in the peer
- 20 review process?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. You've provided us a list of
- 23 publications in your expert report, correct?
- 24 A. I have.
- 25 Q. Does the list of publications you

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- 2 provided in your report encompass all of your
- 3 publications?
- 4 A. You're talking about the report, not my
- 5 CV; is that correct?
- 6 Q. Well, let's start with the report.
- 7 Does your report list all of your
- 8 publications?
- 9 A. It lists the publications that I at
- 10 least referenced or referred to in some way,
- 11 shape or form.
- 12 Q. And does your list of publications in
- 13 the report include all of the publications that
- 14 you utilized in preparing your report?
- 15 A. I believe it does for this report.
- 16 Q. Does your CV include all of the
- 17 publications that you have authored?
- 18 A. Yes.
- MR. BERMAN: Can we pull up the expert
- 20 report again -- excuse me -- sorry.
- 21 Q. Is your list of -- is the list of
- 22 publications you offered on your CV or in the
- 23 expert report?
- A. On my CV, sir.
- MR. BERMAN: Can we pull the CV back up.

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- 2 Q. Let's start with this list -- and then
- 3 it continues onto the next page, correct?
- 4 A. Yes, it does.
- 5 Q. Can you tell me, generally speaking --
- 6 does this include presentations that you
- 7 provided?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Is there a way to discern which of these
- 10 items on your CV are presentations versus which
- 11 ones are publications?
- 12 A. Let's see. Well, I can do that for you
- 13 if you wish.
- Q. What's the easiest way to glean that
- 15 information?
- 16 A. If it doesn't say "presenter" or
- 17 "panelist" then I authored it.
- 18 Q. So, for example, the first entry says
- 19 presenter, right?
- 20 A. It does.
- 21 Q. That's a presentation rather than
- 22 publication, correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And the second entry also says
- 25 presenter, right?

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- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And the third says presenter, right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Fourth says what co-presenter, right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And the fifth one says author, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. That's a publication and not a
- 10 presentation, correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Can you continue on down the list and
- 13 let me know if there are any other items on this
- 14 list that reflect your authorship rather than
- 15 your presentation.
- 16 A. Yes, I can. If we move down to -- move
- 17 to down to "How to determine a diligent job
- 18 search, the matrimonial strategist, American
- 19 Legal Media, August 2015."
- MR. BERMAN: Can you scroll up, Toni.
- 21 Q. Does that work for you, Ms. Wexler?
- 22 A. Yes. Do you see the matrimonial
- 23 strategist up there?
- 24 A. Yes. I guess we can go to the next
- 25 page, page four. There's another one, "For

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 Issues of Occupational Capacity and Imputed
- 3 Income -- the sixth bullet that starts with "For
- 4 Issues of Occupational Capacity."
- 5 Q. Any others?
- A. Yes, there's one more, "Reentering the
- 7 Workforce after Divorce, New York Family Law,
- 8 American Legal Media" a full bullets down.
- 9 And the last one is would really be
- 10 "Vocational Experts Help Decide Parties' Ability
- 11 to Work, New York Law Journal, in 2008."
- 12 Q. What about the one below that?
- 13 A. Yes, that too. It's a smaller
- 14 publication but that as well.
- MR. BERMAN: Toni, if you can scroll
- 16 back up one page.
- 17 O. Turning to the first of those works of
- 18 authorship, Accessing Employment Capability and
- 19 Earning Capacity in Family Law Matters," can you
- 20 tell me what general subject matter of that work
- 21 is?
- 22 A. Sure. It's very similar to what I do in
- 23 any case; employment, personal injury or family
- 24 law. And that is using our professional
- 25 methodology to understand how to assess the

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- 2 employment capability or employability of an
- 3 individual and their earning capacity in the
- 4 world of work primarily by having some
- 5 opportunity to meet with them where it's
- 6 possible, referencing other documents that might
- 7 be provided from that litigation -- it's
- 8 generally litigation and conducting labor market
- 9 research and, of course, the employment
- 10 capabilities would include a transferable skills
- 11 analysis.
- 12 Often times in family law, an individual
- 13 may have been out of work for substantial period
- of time, perhaps as a primary caregiver for the
- 15 family, managing other kinds of matters that are
- 16 related to the family.
- 17 O. What about the second work of authorship
- on the page, "How to Determine a Diligent Job
- 19 Search"?
- 20 A. Can you tell me which one that is.
- 21 Q. It's the second to last bullet point on
- 22 the page we're looking at.
- 23 A. "How to Determine a Diligent Job
- 24 Search," yes, that was with matrimonial
- 25 strategist, which is -- it was a publication with

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 American Legal Media and that entailed what are
- 3 the steps that we would look for someone to
- 4 perform the activities, the range of activities,
- 5 the quantity and quality of their activity in
- 6 following a job search plan to execute a diligent
- 7 job search.
- 8 MR. BERMAN: If you can scroll down,
- 9 Toni, to the next page.
- 10 Q. Do you see the one that says, "For
- 11 Issues of Occupational Capacity and Imputed
- 12 income"?
- 13 A. I forgot to mention that one. Yes,
- 14 that's the one I authored, yes. I was looking
- 15 for that.
- 16 Q. What's the general subject matter of
- 17 that one?
- 18 A. It's another way of saying the kind of
- 19 work that I generally do, which is assessing
- 20 employment capability and earning capacity, which
- 21 is also tied to labor market research,
- 22 understanding the transferable skills analysis
- 23 and how it applies in that particular matter, et
- 24 cetera.
- Q. Okay. What about the next work of

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 authorship, "Reentering the Workforce after
- 3 Divorce"?
- 4 A. Yes, with New York Family Law, American
- 5 Legal Media. That has a somewhat slightly
- 6 different approach. It was talking about how
- 7 individuals may have had a sustained absence from
- 8 the workforce, what steps they may need to take
- 9 to get back into it.
- 10 Generally speaking, I usually recommend
- 11 that anyone who has been out for any significant
- 12 period of time -- especially out of the workforce
- 13 and very underemployed -- seeking services of a
- 14 professional career advisor or job search coach
- 15 as things usually have changed about looking for
- 16 work during that time.
- 17 And it also is a discussion of some of
- 18 the abilities a person can utilize and some of
- 19 the challenges they may need to make to reenter
- 20 the workforce and achieve their earning capacity.
- 21 Q. Is it correct to understand that people
- 22 who have been out of the workforce for an
- 23 extended period of time face additional
- 24 challenges seeking employment?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.

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- 2 A. It depends on the amount of time. The
- 3 longer, the more challenging.
- In this case, I've often worked with
- 5 people who have been out for over 20 years,
- 6 15 years, et cetera and that presents a different
- 7 set of challenges.
- 8 Q. Do I correctly understand that people
- 9 who have been out of work for 15 years or more
- 10 face additional challenges seeking employment?
- 11 A. Seeking employment that can be
- 12 self-sustaining or meet their earning capacity or
- 13 how to achieve that. Yes, there would be more
- 14 challenges involved.
- 15 Q. What about the subject matter of the
- 16 next item on the list, "Vocational Experts Help
- 17 Decide Parties' Ability to Work"?
- 18 A. That's pretty much the same thing.
- 19 Generally, I got my start in family law so many
- 20 of these articles were directed to that. I added
- 21 employment litigation after six or seven -- six
- 22 years.
- In any case, at this time there's always
- 24 a question, particularly in marital dissolution
- 25 about who is capable of earning what, when and

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 how and understanding what brings them to the
- 3 situation they're in today.
- Q. Okay. So the title of that work where
- 5 it references, "the parties ability to work," is
- 6 that referencing the parties in matrimonial
- 7 matters?
- 8 A. Generally -- generally speaking. But
- 9 it's rather generic as well. It just so happens
- 10 that it ties to matrimonial matter in that
- 11 article.
- 12 Q. The next work on this list, "Using
- 13 Vocational Experts in Matrimonial Cases to
- 14 Determine Earnings Capacity."
- 15 What's the general subject matter of that
- 16 work?
- 17 A. Pretty much what I've self-described,
- 18 use different titles as away to promote a topic
- 19 and to educate as much as possible.
- Q. Have you completed your answer?
- 21 A. For the most part these articles are
- 22 also advisory in terms of how an expert may be
- 23 helpful to break through some of the obstacles
- 24 and help move a case to settlement.
- 25 Q. Is it fair to say that the intended

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 audience of these works is attorneys?
- 3 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 4 A. Yes. Primarily attorneys, although I've
- 5 seen clients reference these as well -- their
- 6 clients.
- 7 Q. Who are you saying you seen reference
- 8 these, clients of who?
- 9 A. The attorney's clients who might be
- 10 using my services -- some of them have read these
- 11 articles as well.
- 12 Q. Other than those works of authorship,
- 13 which we have just been through, the remainder of
- 14 these items are presentations, correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Are they primarily CLEs presentations?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. What are CLEs?
- 19 A. Continuing legal education.
- 20 Q. Is that provided for the benefit of
- 21 attorneys?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Those CLE credits, are those the same
- 24 kind of CLE credits that attorneys require for
- 25 state licensing?

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- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Are there any presentations on here that
- 4 are not presented primarily for an audience of
- 5 attorneys?
- 6 A. There are a few.
- 7 Q. Which ones are those?
- 8 A. Well, the bottom one, "Learning to
- 9 Market Yourself: Resume and Job Search Strategy
- 10 Workshop." That's a more generic audience and
- 11 primarily to sales and marketing professionals.
- 12 Let's see --
- 13 MR. BERMAN: I would like the court
- reporter to scroll if it will be helpful to
- 15 your answer. I want to make sure --
- 16 A. There was one about -- that said "You're
- 17 hired, you got the interview." If you go to page
- 18 four, the second bullet. "You've Got the
- 19 Interview Now to Win that Job Offer."
- I've done some pro bono presentations to
- 21 women frequently those who come from more
- 22 challenging backgrounds and are looking to get
- 23 back into the workforce and so I've conducted
- 24 some presentations with them over a period of
- 25 time. These are two.

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- Q. Are there any others?
- 3 A. Let's go further up. I think that's
- 4 pretty much it. The rest of them are for a
- 5 professional audience.
- Q. When you say "professional audience,"
- 7 what do you mean?
- 8 A. I mean primarily attorneys, business
- 9 valuation specialists, those who work in any
- 10 field where my work might overlap or we would
- 11 work as different experts on a particular matter.
- MR. BERMAN: You can put the CV away for
- now, please, Toni.
- 14 Q. Is this --
- MR. BERMAN: Withdrawn.
- 16 Q. You testified earlier today you're
- offering two opinions that have subcomponents,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. That have what?
- Q. Subcomponents.
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Is that a fair characterization of your
- 23 testimony?
- 24 A. I believe so.
- 25 Q. Is one of those opinions that Ms.

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 Fischman failed to perform a reasonably diligent
- 3 job search after her termination on January 30,
- 4 2017?
- 5 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Is that a fair characterization of your
- 8 opinion?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Is that opinion based upon a review of
- 11 Ms. Fischman's education?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Is it based on review of her experience?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. Her skills?
- 16 A. Yes, as described in her resume.
- 17 Q. Her knowledge?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Her employment history?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Local labor market research?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Documents pertaining to her job search
- 24 activity?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 2 Q. And your experience recruiting and
- 3 evaluates candidate qualifications while
- 4 considering the available data regarding
- 5 potential job opportunities available in Ms.
- 6 Fischman's field from 2017 to present?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Is it based on anything beyond those
- 9 things I've identified?
- 10 A. I believe that's everything I
- 11 considered.
- 12 Q. Okay. Was your review of Ms. Fischman's
- 13 education based upon her resume?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Was it based on anything else?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Was your review of Ms. Fischman's
- 18 experience based on her resume?
- 19 A. Her resume, her LinkedIn profile, yes.
- Q. Was it based on anything else?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Was your review of Ms. Fischman's skills
- 23 based upon her resume?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Was it based on anything else?

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- 2 A. Strictly the written documentation that
- 3 I had regarding her abilities and knowledge and
- 4 skills.
- 5 Q. Was your review of her knowledge based
- 6 upon her resume?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Was it based on anything else?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Was your review for employment history
- 11 based on her resume?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Was it based on anything else?
- 14 A. Not that I can recall.
- 15 Q. Do you have any experience as a
- 16 recruiter?
- 17 A. As a recruiter, yes.
- 18 Q. Generally speaking, what's the nature of
- 19 your recruiter experience?
- 20 A. I have experience as a managing partner
- 21 with a firm -- which is on my CV -- Ariel
- 22 Associates in Manhattan. I was involved in that
- 23 for approximately eight years with my partner.
- 24 Our specialty was in media and publishing -- all
- 25 kinds of different publishing -- and with a

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- 2 specialization in business-to-business
- 3 publishing.
- 4 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 5 A. And that we placed people at times at
- 6 midlevel up through the C suite -- chief
- 7 executive suite.
- 8 Q. Do you have any experience recruiting
- 9 attorneys?
- 10 A. Not directly.
- 11 Q. When you say "not directly," what does
- 12 that mean?
- 13 A. That the firm I was with -- the second
- 14 firm I was with, which was Steven Bradford and
- 15 Associates was also part of Howard Sloan and
- 16 Howard Sloan had a substantial practice in legal
- 17 recruiting.
- 18 Q. Did you perform any work with respect to
- 19 the legal recruiting aspect of that business?
- 20 A. No, I did not.
- 21 Q. Have you got any experience placing
- 22 attorneys in jobs?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Have you got any experience working with
- other recruiters who placed attorneys in jobs?

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- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Which ones?
- 4 A. Which ones -- which -- I'm sorry, I
- 5 didn't quite understand the question.
- 6 Q. Which recruiters who placed attorneys in
- 7 jobs have you worked with?
- 8 A. Well, I didn't work with them directly.
- 9 But a number of those recruiters were with Howard
- 10 Sloan. And on occasion I have spoken with them
- 11 as well when I'm doing labor market research.
- 12 But not directly working with them so that I was
- 13 placing -- making legal placements.
- 14 Q. I want to be very clear here.
- Do you have any experience facilitating the
- 16 placement of an attorney into a job?
- 17 A. No, I not.
- 18 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 19 Q. Do you have any legal experience of your
- 20 own?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Do you have any training in any legal
- 23 field of experience?
- 24 A. I have no legal training.
- 25 Q. In your expert report, page 13 -- so

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- 2 we're looking at a portion of the report that's
- 3 under Section V, which is your analysis of
- 4 employability.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. The top of this page there's a statement
- 7 here that says the following, "At the time she
- 8 became unemployed on January 30, 2017, Ms.
- 9 Fischman had demonstrated markedly significant
- 10 transferable skills that positioned her as a
- 11 competitive candidate for positions as a chief
- 12 legal officer/counsel, lead corporate or general
- 13 corporate counsel."
- Do you see that statement?
- 15 A. I do.
- 16 Q. What is the basis for the statement here
- 17 that Ms. Fischman had demonstrated markedly
- 18 significant transferable skills?
- 19 A. I'm sorry, what is your question?
- 20 Q. In your report you say Ms. Fischman had
- 21 demonstrated markedly significant transferable
- 22 skills, do you see that?
- 23 A. I do.
- Q. What is the factual foundation
- 25 underlying the conclusion that she demonstrated

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 markedly significant transferable skills?
- 3 A. Well, she had extensive experience as
- 4 general counsel working with Raytheon for quite a
- 5 few years, as well as Mitsubishi, and prior to
- 6 that with at least two major law firms. During
- 7 which time she had experience in all kinds of
- 8 legal functions -- you know, law matters,
- 9 everything from intellectual property, to mergers
- 10 and acquisitions and/or employment contracts and
- 11 many other types of matters that a corporate
- 12 lawyer would be involved in. And these were
- described before in my report as well.
- 14 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. The statement that you just made are
- 17 based upon Ms. Fischman's resume?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Are they based upon anything else?
- 20 A. Other than looking at her LinkedIn
- 21 profile as well as her resume and that's --
- 22 that's the primary basis for this.
- 23 Q. Do you have to be an expert to review a
- 24 LinkedIn profile?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.

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- A. You don't have to be an expert but it's
- 3 useful to compare the to.
- 4 Q. To compare the two what?
- 5 A. Her resume and what she describes on her
- 6 LinkedIn profile.
- 7 Q. Do you have to be an expert to review
- 8 her resume?
- 9 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 10 A. You don't have to be an expert to review
- 11 the resume.
- 12 Q. Do you have to be an expert to determine
- 13 that her resume demonstrated markedly significant
- 14 transferable skills?
- 15 A. I believe that as an expert my job is to
- 16 evaluate what is on that resume and understand
- 17 what those transferable skills are and to the
- degree to which demonstrate her ability to use
- 19 them.
- Q. When you use the word "transferable
- 21 skills" or the phrase "transferable skills," what
- 22 does that term mean to you?
- 23 A. In our professional parlance,
- 24 transferable skills means these are skills that
- 25 are used in one job or a series of jobs or in

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- 2 employment history that gives you knowledge and
- 3 capability to execute similar tasks, executive
- 4 functioning and problem solving in the same,
- 5 somewhat different or very different roles.
- In other words, can those skills be
- 7 transferred or applied to other job functions.
- 8 Q. Do you have any qualifications that
- 9 allow you to evaluate job functions?
- 10 A. Well, the certification I have as a
- 11 diplomate indicates that I understand how to do
- 12 that. And I have training in that as well.
- 13 Q. Do you have any training in the field of
- 14 industrial organizational psychology?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Are you familiar with the concept of a
- 17 job analysis?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Have you performed any job analyses in
- 20 connection with your work in this matter?
- 21 A. In a formal job analysis, no. I
- 22 understand how to parse out skills, you know,
- 23 that are before me and how to compare those.
- Q. Have you completed your response?
- 25 A. And compare those to any published

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 information about job descriptions, job analyses,
- 3 et cetera.
- 4 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 5 A. I have.
- 6 Q. Are you familiar with concept of a
- 7 similarity index?
- 8 A. I've heard of it. I haven't necessarily
- 9 applied it. It could be a term that is
- 10 comparable to what I do but I just don't use that
- 11 term.
- 12 Q. Have you used any mathematical formulas
- 13 to compare the similarity of any of Ms.
- 14 Fischman's former jobs to any other jobs
- 15 available in the labor market?
- 16 A. No, mathematical statistical analysis,
- 17 no.
- 18 Q. Have you reviewed any published
- 19 information about the job analyses concerning
- 20 positions available to Ms. Fischman in the local
- 21 labor market?
- 22 A. Have I reviewed any vocations or
- 23 research did you say?
- Q. No. I said published -- have you
- 25 reviewed any published information about job

- 1 R. Wexler Confidential
- 2 analyses pertaining to jobs in the local labor
- 3 market to which Ms. Fischman could have
- 4 potentially have applied?
- 5 A. I haven't looked at specific job
- 6 analyses per se.
- 7 Q. In any where in your report have you
- 8 conducted an expert analysis comparing the
- 9 similarity of Ms. Fischman's prior jobs -- and
- 10 when I say "prior jobs" I mean prior to her
- 11 termination from Mitsubishi -- have you've done
- 12 any scientific or expert analysis comparing Ms.
- 13 Fischman's prior jobs to any of the available
- 14 jobs in the local labor market?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection. Several
- 16 questions in one.
- 17 Q. Do you understand the question?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 O. You can answer.
- 20 A. The analyses I perform are methodical
- 21 and clearly stated. However, I would not say
- 22 that they are a scientific analysis because I'm
- 23 not sure how you're using the term "scientific".
- Q. Thank you for your response. Have you
- 25 completed it?

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- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. I'm actually asking you something
- 4 different.
- 5 A. Okay.
- Q. What I'm asking you is whether you
- 7 conducted any methodological comparison of the
- 8 jobs that Ms. Fischman held at Mitsubishi to the
- 9 jobs that were in the local labor market?
- 10 A. Yes, I looked at the jobs that were in
- 11 the local labor market that were available and
- described from Forensic JobStats and compared
- 13 those -- at least a good sampling of them -- to
- 14 what was -- to her job history -- to her
- 15 employment history and the functions that she had
- 16 performed.
- 17 Q. So then with respect to each job listing
- 18 from Forensic JobStats, did you compare the
- 19 similarity of Ms. Fischman's prior jobs at
- 20 Mitsubishi to that particular entry?
- 21 A. I'm not sure I compared every single one
- of those jobs but certainly a good representation
- 23 and I looked for keywords as well because
- 24 Forensic JobStats does issue a listing of
- 25 keywords that we can also reference in the job

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- 2 description.
- 3 Q. Okay. You referred to the term "a
- 4 sample," what was the sample that you referred
- 5 t.o?
- 6 A. Let's see. I would say that I went
- 7 through a good portion of the jobs but some seem
- 8 to be very similar so I might not have spent as
- 9 much time with one job as I did with another,
- 10 particularly if I wasn't sure if it was a good
- 11 fit or good enough fit to at least get her to
- 12 apply and be invited for an interview.
- 13 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 14 A. I have.
- 15 Q. How can we determine from reviewing your
- 16 report which jobs you included in your sample and
- which jobs you did not include in your sample?
- 18 A. There's no way to do that.
- 19 Q. How can we determine from your report
- 20 how to replicate the work that you performed?
- 21 A. I'm not sure how we would do that. I
- 22 would have to review my -- you know, what I
- 23 looked through and how it did -- I'm not sure you
- 24 would replicate it.
- Q. Do you consider Mr. Staller and expert

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- 2 in your field?
- 3 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 4 A. Mr. Staller and I have some overlap in
- 5 our field but we also have some differences.
- 6 O. Is the use of the Forensic JobStats'
- 7 database an area of overlap between you and Mr.
- 8 Staller?
- 9 A. Yes, I would say at this time it is.
- 10 Q. If I provided a copy of your expert
- 11 report to Mr. Staller, would he be able to
- 12 replicate your analysis of the Forensic JobStats'
- 13 database?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 15 A. I don't know. I do know our numbers are
- 16 very similar. I know that we each went through
- 17 that process. I can't say that he has -- he
- 18 would be able to say, oh, yes she reviewed that
- 19 job, that, that job, and job.
- 20 Q. If I provided your expert to any other
- 21 expert with an understanding at an expert level
- of the Forensic JobStats' database, would such an
- 23 expert be able to replicate your work?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 25 A. I believe that if they were to refer to

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- 2 the reports that Forensic JobStats produced, they
- 3 would be able to do so.
- 4 Q. You haven't provided those reports to
- 5 us, have you?
- 6 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 7 A. I did not provide them, no.
- 8 Q. So based upon what you provided, is
- 9 there any way for me to double check your work?
- 10 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 11 A. Only if you have the Forensic JobStats
- 12 for Mr. Staller.
- 13 Q. Further down that paragraph you make
- 14 another statement says, quote, "In my
- 15 professional opinion and experience, considering
- 16 her two decades of in-depth transferable skills
- 17 and knowledge in complex corporate transactions
- 18 and her age, had she engaged in a reasonable and
- 19 diligent job search, she was a competitive job
- 20 applicant for numerous comparable level positions
- 21 to those she held at Mitsubishi Chemical
- 22 Holdings."
- 23 Do you see that statement?
- 24 A. I do.
- Q. When you refer to comparable level

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- 2 positions in that statement, to what are you
- 3 referring?
- 4 A. I am referring to different levels of
- 5 general counsel, associate general counsel,
- 6 corporate counsel. It could be internal counsel,
- 7 it could be counsel with a law firm -- another
- 8 law firm -- an outside firm.
- 9 Q. Okay. Do you have any independent
- 10 knowledge of knowing which candidates are
- 11 considered competitive for the positions you just
- 12 described?
- 13 A. I rely on my knowledge of somebody's
- 14 capabilities and what they demonstrated in their
- 15 history and therefore how they would be
- 16 positioned to be a competitive candidate.
- 17 Q. How are you situated to know who are
- 18 going to be competitive candidates for different
- 19 legal positions in the legal market?
- 20 A. Well, part of it is my experience in
- 21 doing this for quite some time and evaluating
- 22 numerous attorneys and their roles, especially
- 23 when become unemployed or they're starting to
- 24 continue to look for employment.
- 25 I also will communicate with certain

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- 2 recruiters that I know and ask their thoughts on
- 3 that as well.
- 4 Q. Okay. So you have no independent
- 5 knowledge of your own concerning which candidates
- 6 are competitive for particular legal positions,
- 7 do you?
- 8 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 9 Q. You can answer.
- 10 A. I think I do.
- 11 Q. What is the basis for your independent
- 12 knowledge of who is considered a competitive
- 13 legal candidate for a particular legal job?
- 14 A. Understanding what -- because of the
- work I've done in consulting with other legal
- 16 recruiters and how having a good sense of what
- 17 positions somebody to be a good candidate.
- 18 Q. So you're relying upon your own
- 19 experience, correct?
- 20 A. My own experience and my consultation
- 21 with other legal professionals.
- 22 Q. Are you relying upon anything else other
- 23 than your own experience and consultation with
- 24 other legal professionals?
- A. No, that is what I'm relying upon.

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- 2 Q. What professional consultations did you
- 3 make with other legal professionals in the
- 4 preparation of this expert report?
- 5 A. I consulted with a number of legal
- 6 recruiters -- about two or three -- about the
- 7 condition of the marketplace, how someone's
- 8 experience like this might position that
- 9 individual to seek work as inside counsel or
- 10 outside counsel.
- 11 Q. Where are those consultations reflected
- in your expert report?
- 13 A. They're not reflected in my expert
- 14 report, they're just layers of experience that
- 15 I've acquired over the years.
- 16 Q. I asked you whether this report --
- 17 earlier today I asked you whether this report
- 18 contains all the information you relied upon in
- 19 preparation of your testimony today --
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. -- do you remember that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. You didn't reference reliance upon
- 24 professional consultations previously, did you?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.

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- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Is there anything that you relied upon
- 4 in providing your expert opinions in this matter
- 5 that is not contained in this expert report?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Which professionals did you consult,
- 8 that you just described, in preparation of
- 9 your -- or in formulation of your expert opinion
- 10 in this matter, who are they?
- 11 A. Let's see. One would be Michael Lord or
- 12 Andrew Berman. Those would be two that I
- 13 referred to before.
- It really is for me to get a lay of the
- 15 land, understand the competitive marketplace and
- 16 if these skills are in demand.
- 17 Q. Who is Michael Lord?
- 18 A. He's an executive recruiter -- executive
- 19 legal recruiter.
- Q. What entity is he affiliated with?
- 21 A. It's his own form.
- 22 O. What does that firm do?
- 23 A. They place partners and some GCs --
- 24 general counsel and associates -- it depends,
- 25 it's a range.

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- Q. When is the last time you spoke with
- 3 Michael Lord?
- 4 A. I spoke with him on another matter about
- 5 four weeks ago perhaps.
- 6 Q. Did you consult with Michael Lord in
- 7 connection with this matter?
- 8 A. I don't believe so.
- 9 Q. Who is Andrew Berman?
- 10 A. He's his partner.
- 11 Q. When is last time do you consulted with
- 12 Andrew Berman?
- 13 A. About five weeks ago --
- Q. Did you consult --
- 15 A. -- maybe six. I did not consult with
- 16 him on this matter, no.
- 17 Q. Did you consult with anyone else in
- 18 connection with this matter?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Are you relying upon any information
- 21 provided to you by anyone else in connection with
- 22 this matter?
- 23 A. Other than the general knowledge I've
- 24 acquired about legal recruiting from other
- 25 matters, no, I have not consulted with anyone

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- 2 else.
- Q. Do you have any firsthand experience
- 4 with legal recruiting whatsoever?
- 5 A. No, I don't.
- 6 Q. Turning now to page 14 of your report,
- 7 I'll direct your attention to the second
- 8 paragraph on this page under heading A,
- 9 "Expectation and Accepted Standards of a Diligent
- 10 Job Search."
- 11 Do you see the second paragraph here?
- 12 A. I do.
- 13 Q. I'll direct your attention to the first
- 14 full sentence of this paragraph which reads as
- 15 follows, quote, "The elements of a reasonable job
- search have been a regular subject of numerous
- 17 articles published in print and online
- 18 publications, including those identified in
- 19 Appendix B, such as The Wall Street Journal, The
- 20 New York Times, Forbes.com, Forbes and Money and
- 21 US News and World Report as well as many other
- 22 easily accessible job posting sites."
- 23 Do you see that sentence?
- 24 A. I do.
- 25 Q. Are any of the elements of a reasonable

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- 2 job search described and academic research cited
- 3 within your expert report?
- 4 A. Yes, actually there are a number of
- 5 citations.
- 6 O. Where can I find those?
- 7 A. It might be quicker -- I have a printed
- 8 copy. If I have your permission to look at it,
- 9 it might be quicker to do that but I want to make
- 10 sure it's okay with you.
- 11 Q. As long as you're referring to the same
- 12 expert report, the same version, then I'm fine.
- 13 A. It is exactly same the version.
- On page 17 of this report I also
- 15 reference what the standards are, and that would
- 16 be under D, "Minimal Applications Over Three
- 17 Years," the third paragraph down, "Thus, Ms.
- 18 Fischman engaged in 1.18 applications per week
- 19 from January 2017 through September 2018."
- 20 And then if we follow that down,
- 21 starting with the sentence "A sustained,
- 22 full-time job search, over a multiyear period,
- 23 may be difficult to maintain during an extended
- 24 period of unemployment. It is understood that
- 25 job seekers often reduce their search intensity

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- 2 over time, but then increase their search efforts
- 3 again if remain unemployed." And you see a
- 4 reference to Wanberg, Zhu, Kanfer & Zhand, Oxford
- 5 Handbook, page 269, which is also referenced on
- 6 the prior page, on page 16, although the footnote
- 7 carried over.
- 8 In any case, this is a very
- 9 well-regarded handbook of heavily researched
- 10 articles examining job search, re-employment and
- 11 how the level of activity is tied to success.
- 12 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 13 A. I have.
- 14 Q. Respectfully, I don't think you answered
- 15 the question I asked.
- MR. BERMAN: I'll ask the court reporter
- 17 to read it back.
- 18 (Whereupon, requested portion of
- 19 testimony read back.)
- Q. Where can I find a list of the sources
- 21 that identify, "The elements of a reasonable job
- 22 search"?
- 23 A. Let me make sure I understand the
- 24 question. The question is where you can find the
- 25 citations of a reasonable diligent job search?

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- 2 On page 17 just below minimal applications over
- 3 three years, it starts with the sentence, "As
- 4 noted previously, when unemployed, the minimum
- 5 expectation for a diligent job search is two to
- 6 six hours of active job search activities per
- 7 day, cited footnote 26, Wanberg, Zhu and Van
- 8 Hooft."
- 9 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 10 A. I have.
- 11 Q. Does Wanberg, Zhu and Van Hooft use the
- 12 quoted term, "diligent job search"?
- 13 A. They -- I'm not sure if they use the
- 14 term "diligent" -- I would have to double check.
- 15 But, obviously, they -- the term "the minimum
- 16 expectation for a job search is."
- 17 Q. Okay. Does that citation Wanberg, Zhu
- and Van Hooft use the phrase "reasonable job
- 19 search"?
- 20 A. Yes, it does. "A reasonably diligent
- 21 and motivated job seeker will approach obtaining
- 22 new employment as their full-time job and will
- 23 pursue multiple employment opportunities in
- 24 parallel throughout their job search. A diligent
- 25 job search effort to get hired is time consuming

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- 2 and time intensive." This is footnote 27 and
- 3 it's the same -- it's Wanberg, Zhu, Kanfer and
- 4 Zhand from the Oxford Handbook, page 269.
- 5 Q. Are you replying upon any other source
- 6 for your opinion as to what constitutes a
- 7 reasonably diligent job search?
- 8 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Where can I --
- 11 A. I am also looking at on page 16, the
- 12 second full paragraph that states, "Job findings
- 13 success is also closely associated with the
- 14 quantity of interviews achieved during the job
- 15 search." And that also that is an opinion stated
- 16 by Saks and Ashforth in the 2000 Oxford Handbook
- of job loss and job search, page 268.
- 18 Q. Are you familiar with the legal standard
- 19 applicable to a plaintiff in a wrongful
- 20 termination case who is charged with the duty to
- 21 mitigate their damages?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 23 A. I am familiar with it, yes.
- Q. Do you know whether that legal standard
- is the same standard that you're looking to in

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- 2 the academic sources that you cited in your
- 3 report?
- 4 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 5 A. I believe it is somewhat less but I'm --
- 6 my job is to assess what I believe is a true
- 7 diligent job search.
- 8 Q. Is it fair to say that your assessment
- 9 differs from the legal standard?
- 10 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 11 A. It may.
- 12 Q. It may differ?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Now, what methodology did you use to
- 15 reach your first opinion in your expert report?
- 16 A. Which opinion are you referring, sir?
- 17 Q. Which one do you consider your first
- 18 opinion?
- 19 A. My first opinion in my summary of
- 20 opinions on page five is, "It is my opinion, to a
- 21 reasonable degree of professional certainty, that
- 22 Ms. Fischman failed to perform a reasonably
- 23 diligent job search after she was terminated from
- 24 Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings America on January
- 25 30, 2017."

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- Q. What methodology did you use to reach
- 3 that opinion?
- 4 A. The methodology I used was the analysis
- 5 of work history, the skills and analysis she
- 6 acquired -- which I already mentioned -- as well
- 7 as my extensive experience in recruiting
- 8 evaluated candidate's qualifications and advising
- 9 them on the steps acquired to be successful in
- 10 their job search.
- 11 I also considered the available data
- 12 about the labor market to compare to the efforts
- 13 to made by Ms. Fischman.
- Q. Do you see under subsection three on
- 15 page five of your report where it says,
- 16 "Evaluation Methodology"?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. That's what I'm asking about. What
- 19 methodology did you use?
- 20 A. Well, obviously, as number one states, I
- 21 reviewed the records and documentation that was
- 22 provided to me in connection with the litigation.
- 23 Also, to identify Ms. Fischman's
- 24 proficiency and skills based on those documents,
- 25 which, as we discussed, were relied heavily on

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- 2 her resume, to a more limited degree her LinkedIn
- 3 profile and how she described the work that she
- 4 did. And, therefore, how she positions herself
- 5 in her resume as a potential applicant for a job.
- 6 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 7 A. Yes. And after that analysis -- so I'm
- 8 not done -- after that analysis, that included,
- 9 as I mentioned before, the labor market research
- 10 and reviewing her documents and quantifying and
- 11 assessing her efforts in the job search.
- 12 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 13 A. I have, sir.
- 14 Q. Okay. Have the -- the methodology that
- 15 you just described to me, is that the same as
- 16 what's listed in the report under Section III?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Is that part of the vocational and
- 19 rehabilitation assessment model?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. So are you listing for me the steps of
- 22 the vocational and rehabilitation assessment
- 23 model, which you incorporated into your analysis?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Are you familiar with the underlying

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- 2 vocational and rehabilitation assessment model?
- 3 A. I am, yes.
- 4 Q. Can you tell me how many steps are
- 5 contained within that model?
- 6 A. Oh, gosh, there are quite a few steps.
- 7 I summarized these. But it's reviewing all the
- 8 documents, it's conducting -- it's assessing the
- 9 job skills required to perform different tasks in
- 10 a particular occupation and -- including
- 11 executive functioning; communication;
- 12 self-organization; leadership, where there is
- 13 necessary communication skills, able to analyze
- 14 information, assess it, utilize it to conduct
- 15 their work problem solving; advising others;
- 16 listening skills. It's pretty detailed. I
- 17 thought for the purposes of this report some of
- 18 this was, shall we say, more obvious and I didn't
- 19 need to list all of that in quite that amount of
- 20 detail.
- 21 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 22 A. Only to add that the summary of her
- 23 experience in each of her jobs also included the
- 24 skills that -- the task she performed and the
- 25 skills that she would need to perform those, were

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- 2 also indicated later on.
- 3 Q. Have you now completed your response?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Your expert report cites the vocational
- 6 and rehabilitation assessment model in footnote
- 7 three, doesn't it?
- 8 A. It does.
- 9 Q. In your cite to that model, your report
- 10 states, "I used standardized systemic vocational
- 11 evaluation methodology to produce valid and
- 12 reliable data and findings," correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. So is the vocational and rehabilitation
- 15 assessment model standardized?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 17 A. There are different models. However,
- 18 there are those that are standardize,
- 19 particularly vocational rehabilitation, that's
- 20 where the model began and some of the steps in
- 21 that model are not necessarily useful when
- 22 someone is not recovering from an injury or post
- 23 -- pre-post accident or illness that would have
- 24 impacted their ability to continue the work they
- 25 performed or to be reintroduced to the labor

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- 2 market.
- 3 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. So I just want to clarify your answer.
- 6 Are you citing in footnote three multiple models
- 7 or one model?
- 8 A. There's generally one basic model.
- 9 MS. PRIMAVERA: I'm just going to
- 10 interject really quick. If you need a
- 11 break, it's been over an hour and a half,
- 12 please feel free to take as long as you
- need, five minutes, ten minute. If you're
- 14 good though, we can continue.
- MR. BERMAN: Why don't we take a break
- at 12:00 -- it's a few minutes away.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Sure.
- MR. BERMAN: Just to repeat, any time
- anyone wants a break, just say so, that's
- 20 not a problem.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- Q. Do you know how many steps there are in
- 23 the vocational and rehabilitation assessment
- 24 model?
- 25 A. I'm not quite certain. I think it could

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- 2 be as much as 14 or 15 steps if it's really
- 3 detailed out.
- 4 Q. Okay. How many steps of that model did
- 5 you apply in your expert report?
- 6 A. There's the job analysis, there's the
- 7 skills assessment and they're looking at her
- 8 skills and understanding what level of capability
- 9 she had and what was required in the various
- 10 jobs. I would say it's probably somewhere close
- 11 to seven or eight.
- 12 Q. Correct me if I'm mistaken but doesn't
- 13 your expert report list five steps?
- 14 A. Yes, they're summarized. You know, I
- don't generally list every single small piece
- 16 that goes into it.
- 17 Q. Well, of the 14 steps in the vocational
- 18 and rehabilitation assessment model, how many did
- 19 you use?
- 20 A. I also want to add that I'm not sure if
- 21 it's 14 steps because they go through all these
- 22 different types of minor steps that are -- you
- 23 know, if use a computer program, for example,
- 24 it's going to give you more steps. But I
- 25 estimate that I used a minimum of six to eight --

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- 2 at least eight.
- 3 Q. Have completed your response?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. So I see five items enumerated on here.
- 6 Do any of these five items incapsulate more than
- 7 one step?
- 8 A. Of course, if I'm conducting an
- 9 employability analysis to include labor market
- 10 research, I could certainly break those down into
- 11 numerous steps, including where the jobs are,
- 12 what exactly the titles and responsibilities are,
- 13 are they able to be read and how to match them up
- 14 with her experience.
- I could certainly break that down to
- 16 various steps but to me, with all of the years
- 17 I've been doing this, it's rather -- I know what
- 18 methodology I need to follow and the different
- 19 steps and I believe the summary was sufficient.
- Q. Have you completed your response?
- 21 A. I have.
- Q. Respectfully, again, that's not the
- 23 question I asked you.
- 24 What I'm asking you is about a comparison
- 25 between the work that you performed and the work

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- 2 you cite as the vocational and rehabilitation
- 3 assessment model.
- 4 So as you testified, the vocational and
- 5 rehabilitation assessment model contains multiple
- 6 steps; your evaluation methodology also contains
- 7 multiple steps but you identified five elements
- 8 of your methodology.
- 9 And my understanding of your testimony is
- 10 that the model you're citing has more than five
- 11 steps.
- 12 You indicated that although you got five
- 13 items here, that you may have conducted more than
- 14 five steps of the vocational and rehabilitation
- 15 assessment model.
- So all of that is background to ask you
- 17 whether any of these items that you've enumerated
- 18 constitute multiple elements of the vocational
- 19 and rehabilitation assessment model, is that
- 20 clear?
- 21 A. Yes. I believe they do and some of the
- 22 elements in the vocational assessment model have
- 23 to do with additional steps about the -- how
- 24 should I put it -- the different physical and
- 25 mental capabilities for each of the tasks

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- 2 performed. When I'm working with someone on
- 3 professional level, such as an attorney, those
- 4 are much less helpful and not necessary because
- 5 this is not a rehabilitation employability
- 6 assessment.
- 7 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 8 A. I have.
- 9 Q. My question was not how many steps are
- 10 necessary.
- 11 I'm just asking how many steps you performed.
- 12 You have five sentences listed here under "the
- 13 steps followed included," do you see that?
- 14 A. I do.
- 15 Q. And you indicated that the five elements
- 16 that you've enumerated may correspond to more
- 17 than five steps in the vocational and
- 18 rehabilitation assessment model; do I have that
- 19 correct?
- 20 A. Yes, you do.
- 21 Q. So which of the steps that you listed
- 22 here correspond to more than one step in the
- 23 vocational and rehabilitation assessment model?
- 24 A. In performing an employability analysis
- 25 to include labor market research, that includes

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- 2 both the areas that I thought were strengths of
- 3 the individuals and areas that I thought might be
- 4 a concern. That is that is inherent in number
- 5 four.
- 6 Q. Okay. So number four includes more than
- 7 one step from the vocational and rehabilitation
- 8 model; did I get that correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. How many steps does that encompass?
- 11 A. It at least two to three I would think.
- 12 I don't usually break it down to this degree,
- 13 Mr. Berman.
- 14 Q. You did testify in your report -- or you
- did state in your report you used a standardized
- 16 systematic vocational evaluation methodology,
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. I did.
- 19 Q. Doesn't that imply that other vocational
- 20 experts use the same methodology?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 22 A. We do refer to the same methodology but
- 23 certain steps are not necessary for every single
- 24 type of case. That's my answer.
- 25 Q. I'm not asking which steps are

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- 2 necessary. I'm just asking you if the model is
- 3 the same model used by other vocational experts?
- 4 A. To the best of my knowledge it should
- 5 be. I can't speak to other experts.
- 6 Q. But the methodology is used in the same
- 7 way that you used it here by other experts in
- 8 your field?
- 9 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection. She
- 10 responded.
- MR. BERMAN: Her response was unclear so
- 12 I'm allowed to clarify.
- 13 Q. Is it correct that you have not followed
- 14 all of the steps in that model?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 16 A. I applied all of the steps in that model
- 17 that I deemed appropriate and necessary.
- 18 Q. So there are steps that you deemed not
- 19 appropriate and necessary, correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. How many steps did you deem not
- 22 appropriate or not necessary?
- 23 A. I can't count them. Some of them just
- 24 don't apply.
- 25 Q. Is the utilization of this vocational

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- 2 and rehabilitation assessment model an exact
- 3 science?
- 4 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 5 A. I don't know of anything that is an
- 6 exact science, sir. However, it is one that is
- 7 relied upon and that has produced credible and
- 8 objective results and therefore has been accepted
- 9 for over 30 years or more in our profession.
- 10 Q. Are you familiar with Downing
- 11 litigation?
- 12 A. Yes, I am.
- 13 Q. Did you testify in that matter?
- 14 A. I did.
- 15 Q. In that matter did you testify that it's
- 16 hard to call the analysis of the vocational and
- 17 rehabilitation assessment model an exact science?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Has your opinion changed since your
- 20 testimony in that matter?
- 21 A. No, it has not.
- 22 Q. You testified previously that you
- 23 consulted with Andrew Berman and Michael Lord,
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. Yes, I consulted with them on numerous

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- 2 occasions.
- Q. Do you know whether Ms. Fischman applied
- 4 for any jobs through Michael Lord?
- 5 A. I believe she did not.
- 6 Q. Do you know whether Ms. Fischman applied
- 7 for any jobs through Michael Berman?
- 8 A. I don't believe she applied to any jobs
- 9 with -- other than legal recruiters -- except for
- 10 Bliss -- at least from the documentation that I
- 11 had available to me, sir.
- 12 Q. So your understanding is confined to the
- documents provided to you that are listed in your
- 14 expert report, correct?
- 15 A. Yes, these are the documented provided
- 16 to me that I used.
- 17 Q. So you don't know whether Ms. Fischman
- 18 conducted any job search efforts that are not
- 19 listed in the documents provided to you, do you?
- 20 A. No, I have no way of knowing.
- 21 Q. Were you provided with Ms. Fischman's
- 22 testimony in this matter?
- 23 A. I don't believe so.
- Q. But it's not listed in your report as
- 25 anything you relied upon, correct?

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- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. So does that refresh your recollection
- 4 as to whether you utilized her testimony in
- 5 preparing your report?
- 6 A. No, I -- I honestly can't recall at this
- 7 time. I have to reference.
- 8 Q. If you relied upon it, wouldn't it be
- 9 listed in your report?
- 10 A. Yes. I don't believe I reviewed the
- 11 deposition of Ms. Fischman, just the complaint.
- 12 Q. Do we agree that your report does not
- 13 encompass any information provided by Ms.
- 14 Fischman during her testimony?
- 15 A. Only the information she provided to
- 16 defense counsel. That's all I have.
- 17 Q. So if you were not provided --
- 18 MR. BERMAN: Withdrawn.
- 19 Q. If you were provided with Ms. Fischman's
- 20 testimony, wouldn't it be listed in your expert
- 21 report?
- 22 A. Yes, it would.
- 23 Q. If it's not listed in your expert
- 24 report, does that tell you that you didn't rely
- 25 upon it?

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- 2 A. Yes, it tells me that I did not rely
- 3 upon it.
- 4 Q. My question is do you have any
- 5 independent knowledge other than through the
- 6 documentation provided to you whether Ms.
- 7 Fischman applied for jobs with either Andrew
- 8 Berman or Michael Lord?
- 9 A. No, I don't.
- 10 Q. Similarly, you wouldn't have any
- 11 personal knowledge of whether she was rejected
- 12 from any jobs from Michael Lord or Andrew Berman,
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Not from those individuals, that's
- 15 correct.
- 16 Q. Thank you. Did you ever consult with
- 17 anyone at BCG Legal Search?
- 18 A. No, I don't believe so.
- 19 Q. Do you know whether Andrew Berman has
- 20 any affiliation with BCG Legal Search?
- 21 A. I'm not sure. I usually refer to him
- 22 through the Michael Lord group.
- Q. With reference again to the vocational
- 24 and rehabilitation assessment model, would you
- 25 say that the use of this model is an art as much

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- 2 as a science?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 5 Q. And you so testified in the Downing
- 6 matter, correct?
- 7 A. I did.
- 8 Q. Has your opinion changed since then?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 O. Isn't the use of the vocational and
- 11 rehabilitation assessment model generally based
- 12 upon determining whether injured or disabled
- 13 workers can find jobs in new fields?
- 14 A. That's how it was originally developed.
- 15 Q. Okay. Isn't this methodology primarily
- 16 used in workman's compensation, Social Security
- 17 and disability cases?
- 18 A. The model has been used in those --
- 19 particularly in personal injury, medical
- 20 malpractice. That's how it was originally
- 21 developed. It's, as I testified earlier, pre and
- 22 post injury or events.
- However, the model itself in terms of
- 24 how to review someone's skills, understand how
- 25 they've been applied, if they're still intact and

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- 2 can they be applied elsewhere in the local labor
- 3 market -- sometimes national, depending, will
- 4 still be appropriate because it's an accepted
- 5 step-by-step process.
- 6 MS. PRIMAVERA: I will interject and
- 7 request we take a break at this point, it's
- 8 12:10.
- 9 MR. BERMAN: That's fine. How long
- 10 would you like to break for?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: It's up to you, Rona,
- 12 and Matthew.
- MR. BERMAN: How long would you like,
- 14 Ms. Wexler?
- THE WITNESS: I would say a good 10
- 16 minutes and --
- MR. BERMAN: We're going to take a lunch
- 18 break.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Let's take five minutes
- then.
- MR. BERMAN: You went in the wrong
- direction. I'm suggesting we take more than
- 23 10 minutes for lunch.
- THE WITNESS: 20 minutes, 25 minutes.
- MR. BERMAN: Why don't we say 30 minutes

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- and we will reconvene at 12:40.
- 3 (Whereupon, a luncheon recess was
- 4 taken.)
- 5 Q. Last we left off I think was continuing
- 6 the line of questioning on the vocational and
- 7 rehabilitation assessment model.
- 8 I believe you testified that there were
- 9 subsequent models that you thought were not
- 10 necessary.
- 11 Are you able to point to any literature in
- 12 your field of expertise supporting the claim that
- 13 the model that you used is valid when less than
- 14 all of the steps are used?
- 15 A. I can't recall at the moment any
- 16 statement that is made per se. I do recall the
- 17 model is used for people pre and post injury and
- 18 by the nature of that itself would indicate that
- 19 some of those steps could not be used.
- 20 Q. Can you point to any literature in your
- 21 field of expertise that the model is valid at all
- 22 for use in litigation concerning this
- 23 reasonableness of a job search?
- A. I think the best one would be the
- 25 Robinson article or book, Foundation for Forensic

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- 2 Vocational Rehabilitation, which also has a
- 3 separate chapter on employment matters and not
- 4 just rehabilitation.
- 5 Q. Does that work address the
- 6 reasonableness of a person's job search?
- 7 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 8 A. I don't know if the word "reasonable" is
- 9 used. However, the steps are outlined.
- 10 Q. Did you conduct any review of the
- 11 literature in your field prior to preparing this
- 12 report?
- 13 A. Some of the literature I had reviewed
- 14 prior to this. I reviewed it again as to its
- 15 applicability to this particular matter.
- 16 Q. Okay. Appendix D of your report --
- 17 excuse me, Appendix B, like boy, commencing on
- 18 page 33.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. This is your list of standard resources
- 21 and references upon which your report relies,
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Are any of these documents that are
- 25 cited here contained in the academic literature

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- 2 in your field of knowledge?
- 3 A. Any of these? Well, the revised --
- 4 number 19, The Revised Handbook For Analyzing
- 5 Jobs, would be one. Let's see. We're talking
- 6 about research or literature? Can you clarify,
- 7 please.
- 8 Q. I'm talking about literature that you
- 9 relied upon in the preparation of your report and
- 10 the delivery of your opinions.
- 11 Which of these sources are in the body of
- 12 literature related to your field of study?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 14 A. Well, Richard Bolles has been someone
- 15 that I studied for quite sometime.
- 16 Q. Are you --
- 17 A. I'll get there in just a moment, sir.
- 18 That would be number three and also in his book
- 19 in number nine, under "additional resources and
- 20 references," "What Color is Your Parachute a
- 21 Practical Manual for Job Hunters and Career
- 22 Changers."
- Let's see what else. One of the other
- 24 articles that I referred to is number 25 in that
- 25 section, Triangle Publishing, "Why Networking is

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- 2 so important in a job search by deBruyn, Jason.
- 3 And number 32, the Oxford Handbook of
- 4 Job Loss and Job Search.
- 5 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 6 A. And the last one is a paper written for
- 7 the World Economic Forum, "The longer you're
- 8 unemployed, the less likely you are to find a
- 9 job. Why?"
- Those are the ones I can point to at the
- 11 moment.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. And the others I incorporated from time
- 14 to time, you know.
- 15 O. Okay. So pertaining to the first one of
- 16 those by Richard Bolles, you're referring to item
- 17 number three on Appendix B, correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 O. Is that an article on Next Avenue?
- 20 A. Yes, it's derived a lot from his books
- 21 that he published as well, which he's done pretty
- 22 much annually since 1975.
- Q. What is Next Avenue?
- A. Next Avenue is actually a publication
- 25 that's geared to those in the 50 age -- 50 plus

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- 2 category and they generally extract articles or
- 3 look to them, you know, for topics that would be
- 4 of interest to that population.
- 5 Q. Is this entry, item number three, peer
- 6 reviewed?
- 7 A. No, it is not.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. Richard Bolles is not peer reviewed.
- 10 Q. Turning to number 19, "The Revised
- 11 Handbook for Analyzing Jobs." That's a
- 12 government handbook?
- 13 A. Yes. And that was last published in
- 14 '91. The premise or the methodology used is
- 15 still used today and it's an underlying textbook
- 16 that is used in course work.
- 17 Q. Did you rely upon any of the methodology
- 18 cited in that handbook?
- 19 A. I've incorporated that methodology in my
- 20 day-to-day practice. I haven't necessarily
- 21 referred to it in some time and the book is
- 22 packed away somewhere.
- 23 Q. Is that methodology specifically
- 24 utilized in your expert report in this matter?
- 25 A. Specifically? It's an underlying

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- 2 foundation, that's the best I can tell you.
- 3 Q. It's a foundational work in your field
- 4 of study?
- 5 A. Yes, it is.
- 6 Q. Okay. And it's not a peer reviewed
- 7 source, is it?
- 8 A. I believe it was peer reviewed. But
- 9 it's so long ago I really can't tell you.
- 10 Q. What about number nine on the additional
- 11 resources, "What Color is Your Parachute," is
- 12 that a peer reviewed work?
- 13 A. Well, that's Richard Bolles, again, and
- 14 wife, Mary, so it's not peer reviewed.
- 15 Q. What about number 25, Triangle
- 16 Publishing, "Why networking is so important in a
- 17 job search"?
- 18 A. I don't believe -- I'm not sure if
- 19 that's peer reviewed or not. I know there was
- 20 some study that he conducted but I can't say for
- 21 sure.
- 22 O. What about the Oxford Handbook of "Job
- 23 Loss and Job Search"?
- 24 A. Those articles -- well, this is a
- 25 handbook that contains a variety of different

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- 2 chapters I should say. Those chapters to the
- 3 best of my knowledge have been peer reviewed.
- Q. Continuing on, what about number 34, the
- 5 "World of Economic Forum" item, is that peer
- 6 reviewed?
- 7 A. I believe it is peer reviewed but likely
- 8 by the author's peers -- because it was published
- 9 by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. But I
- 10 can't say exactly if it was peer reviewed or not
- 11 other than that it was used by the federal
- 12 Reserve Bank.
- 13 Q. So with respect to these items that we
- 14 just discussed; number 3, number 19 on the
- 15 Standard Resources, number 10 -- I'm referring to
- 16 the two lists contained within Appendix B. We
- 17 have under Standard Resources and References
- 18 items 3 and 19.
- 19 And Under Additional Resources and References
- 20 we have numbers 9, 25, 32 and 34. Are you with
- 21 me?
- 22 A. Tam.
- 23 O. Are these six items foundational items
- in your field of study?
- 25 A. I would say for the most part they are,

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- 2 yes. Although 34 may or may not be a
- 3 foundational item in our field of study, is it
- 4 through our own research we identify this article
- 5 and the research that was conducted.
- 6 Q. Have you used any specific methodologies
- 7 from these six works within your expert report in
- 8 this matter?
- 9 A. Specific methodologies? Are we still
- 10 referring to Richard Bolles or are we not --
- 11 we're just referring to peer reviews?
- 12 Q. Let me ask it a different way. On page
- 13 five of your report you identify your evaluation
- 14 methodology, right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Does that evaluation methodology on page
- 17 five to six of your report utilize any of the
- 18 specific methodologies in those six works you
- 19 just identified?
- 20 A. I would say, as I mentioned before in my
- 21 prior statement and testimony, that the -- excuse
- 22 me -- that number -- what number was it -- number
- 23 19, the revised handbook, and number 22,
- 24 vocational assessment, evaluating employment
- 25 potential, they are foundational texts in my

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- 2 field of expertise.
- 3 As far as the others are concerned,
- 4 Richard Bolles and Mary Emery Bolles, they have
- 5 been pioneers in this field for multiple decades
- 6 and they constantly update their recommendations,
- 7 it's in their manual, to reflect the changes in
- 8 the job world and the new tools that we have to
- 9 search for work.
- 10 Let's see. "The Rehabilitation
- 11 Professional, What is a reasonable job search?
- 12 Developing a theoretical framework by Steward,
- 13 D.E. and Turner, D.T., "that's definitely one
- 14 that I have used and looked at.
- 15 And I already mentioned the forum --
- 16 "World Economic Forum" as something that we found
- 17 that seemed to have some implication in looking
- 18 for a job.
- 19 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 20 A. I'm just -- I also did refer to "Why
- 21 networking is so important in a job search." But
- 22 honestly that -- "honestly" is a bad term -- that
- 23 article is simply reenforcing things that we have
- 24 known for sometime and that has been recommended
- 25 in other publications, peer reviewed and

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- 2 otherwise, as to how for search for work.
- 3 Q. Have you completed --
- 4 A. I am completed, yes.
- 5 Q. On page 5 to 6 of your expert report,
- 6 are you identifying more than one methodology
- 7 that you've employed?
- 8 A. I can't say that there was more than one
- 9 methodology.
- 10 Q. Okay. So then the methodology that's
- 11 described here on pages 5 to 6 of your report is
- 12 the methodology you used, correct?
- 13 A. Yes, it is.
- 14 Q. Is that methodology the same as the
- 15 vocational and rehabilitation assessment model?
- 16 A. It's very comparable -- it's very
- 17 similar, yes.
- 18 O. Is the vocational and rehabilitation
- 19 assessment model contained within any of the six
- 20 works that we identified in Wexler Exhibit B?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 22 A. I would say that the model would be
- 23 described in 31, "The Rehabilitation
- 24 Professional" as well as "The Oxford Handbook of
- 25 Job Loss and Job Search." And to a certain

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- 2 degree those basic texts that I referenced before
- 3 and, of course, the books and publications by
- 4 Richard Bolles.
- 5 Q. So of the six items that we discussed
- 6 that are listed in Wexler Exhibit B, it's not
- 7 clear to me whether those six contain the model
- 8 we've been discussing.
- 9 I believe you mentioned it is contained
- 10 within "The Oxford Handbook," did I get that
- 11 right?
- 12 A. And "The Rehabilitation Professional."
- 13 Q. But of those items, the only one that
- 14 has peer reviewed material in it is "The Oxford
- 15 Handbook," correct?
- 16 A. And "The Rehabilitation Professional."
- 17 Q. That one is peer reviewed as well?
- 18 A. Oh, yes.
- 19 Q. And the rest of items in Appendix B is
- 20 the "Standard Resources and References." Aren't
- 21 those generally articles available online?
- 22 A. Well, most of these things are available
- 23 online. And, yes, the reason I include them, as
- 24 I stated in my report, is that their sound
- 25 advice, there's a consensus of opinion to be sure

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- 2 and they're readily accessible to anybody going
- 3 to these cites or just looking about suggestions
- 4 on how to conduct a good job search.
- 5 Q. Is it fair to say these represent common
- 6 sense tips for job search seekers?
- 7 A. Pretty much.
- 8 Q. In your application of the vocational
- 9 model, does step one include the purpose of the
- 10 referral?
- 11 A. Let me just take a look at that for a
- 12 moment, please. The purpose of the rereferral
- 13 would be the overriding, you know, subject --
- 14 text -- context for all of these steps.
- 15 Q. Is that one of the steps in the
- 16 vocational model we've been discussing?
- 17 A. That can be one of the step, yes, to
- 18 know the purpose of what -- what purpose its
- 19 evaluation is supposed to serve, yes.
- 20 Q. Is there a professional methodology for
- 21 applying that step of the model?
- 22 A. Not that I can think of except to
- 23 understand what your role is, what you've been
- 24 asked to opine on.
- 25 Q. Did you prepare this section of the

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- 2 report yourself?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Were there any sections of this report
- 5 that you did not prepare yourself?
- 6 A. No. I mean, I prepared them, my
- 7 associate also gave me some input to a degree on
- 8 the research end. This report is created solely
- 9 by me.
- 10 Q. When you mention your associate, are you
- 11 referring to Dr. Turner?
- 12 A. I am.
- Q. What area of study is Dr. Turner a
- 14 doctor in?
- 15 A. He has doctorate in vocational
- 16 rehabilitation, counseling and evaluation. He
- 17 has been doing this for a number of years in a
- 18 variety of settings. He also has a very strong
- 19 background in statistical analysis and research.
- 20 Q. Did he provide any statistical analysis
- 21 for you in connection with this report?
- 22 A. He and I reviewed independently the data
- from Forensic JobStats, which as I mentioned
- 24 before, I got directly from SJS and then he and I
- 25 reviewed that together.

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- Q. Was there any part of the work done in
- 3 connection with this report that he performed
- 4 exclusively?
- 5 A. No, we performed it together but he did
- 6 create the charts.
- 7 Q. Did he rely upon any of his statistical
- 8 knowledge in the preparation of the charts?
- 9 A. Well, what he relied upon was using his
- 10 statistical knowledge to go through the data and
- 11 be able to ascertain from some extensive sampling
- 12 the degree of the number of jobs, the percentage
- of jobs that were really appropriate for Ms.
- 14 Fischman to make application.
- 15 Q. Okay. Did you review the sample
- 16 conducting by Dr. Turner?
- 17 A. Yes, we reviewed it together.
- 18 Q. Did you review the percentage of jobs
- 19 identified by Dr. Turner?
- 20 A. We reviewed jobs that he had some
- 21 questions about whether or not we thought they
- 22 were appropriate or not. One of the ones that we
- 23 chose to be more conservative about is we had
- 24 indicated that she could be a chief general
- 25 counsel and after looking at some of the

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- 2 requirements of the jobs and her time out of the
- 3 field, you know, having been unemployed for a
- 4 certain period of time we eliminated those jobs.
- 5 To err on the side of caution.
- 6 Q. And in connection with performing his
- 7 role in preparing the report, did Dr. Turner rely
- 8 upon his statistical background?
- 9 A. I'm sure he did.
- 10 Q. Did you review his work that relied upon
- 11 his statistical background?
- 12 A. We -- I reviewed the work and then I
- 13 reviewed it with him.
- Q. Did you review the work performed by
- 15 Dr. Turner that relied upon his statistical
- 16 knowledge?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Are you qualified to review the
- 19 statistical work performed by a doctor?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 21 A. For the purposes of this project and
- 22 this assignment, yes.
- Q. What training and background in
- 24 statistics do you possess?
- 25 A. My job was to help -- was to assess or

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- 2 to supervise the quality check of the data that
- 3 we received. From that Dr. Turner then conducted
- 4 an additional analysis to determine the number of
- 5 jobs that were appropriate that were not
- 6 duplicative in the report and then to a certain
- 7 degree use his statistical knowledge to determine
- 8 that.
- 9 For example, he determined that
- 10 approximately 12 percent of the jobs that we
- 11 reviewed were likely duplicates and we eliminated
- 12 them.
- 13 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 14 A. I have.
- 15 Q. Are you qualified to determine whether
- 16 Dr. Turner properly assessed the percentage of
- jobs reviewed as being duplicated?
- 18 A. In this matter, yes.
- 19 Q. What qualifications do you rely upon to
- 20 perform that review?
- 21 A. Oh, my professional experience, 20 years
- 22 in this field, evaluating multiple individuals of
- 23 all different strifes and capabilities, primarily
- 24 white color and professionals, yes, I feel quite
- 25 qualified to do so.

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- 2 Q. I think you answered a more general
- 3 question than the one I asked you, which was what
- 4 qualifies you to determine whether Dr. Turner
- 5 accurately calculated the percentage of jobs
- 6 reviewed as being duplicates?
- 7 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 8 A. Because we reviewed the duplicates
- 9 together and was therefore able to determine if
- 10 they were, in fact, duplicate or not. And he and
- 11 I both reviewed the data in different stages and
- 12 I feel comfortable with his work.
- 13 Q. That's not -- are you qualified to gauge
- 14 the quality of Dr. Turner's work when it comes to
- 15 mathematical or statistical knowledge?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection. This is
- third time you asked the same question.
- MR. BERMAN: She hasn't answered it.
- 19 MS. PRIMAVERA: She did.
- 20 A. I said I'm qualified to understand and
- 21 evaluate the quality of his work in this matter.
- 22 The statistics in this matter are very
- 23 straightforward, sir.
- Q. Does that mean you don't need to be an
- 25 expert on statistics to understand the statistics

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- 2 used in this matter?
- 3 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 4 A. In this particular matter?
- 5 Q. Yes.
- 6 A. I would say yes.
- 7 Q. Is it fair to say that you're not
- 8 relying on any expert level of knowledge in
- 9 statistics in connection with your work performed
- 10 here?
- 11 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection. You can
- 12 answer.
- 13 A. I am relying on my associate's knowledge
- 14 and my experience in doing this many times and
- 15 knowing what I need to do.
- 16 Q. Okay. Is your associate going to be
- 17 testifying in this matter?
- 18 A. No, he is not.
- 19 O. So then how can I evaluate the
- 20 reliability of your associate's work?
- 21 A. You'll have to rely on my reliability on
- 22 this work and that's it.
- 23 Q. You referred to a quality check of the
- 24 data, do you recall making that statement?
- 25 A. I do, yes.

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- 2 Q. Can you describe to me what your quality
- 3 check of the data was comprised of?
- 4 A. Primarily going through the job
- 5 descriptions that were posted in the jobs online
- 6 that we found through Forensic JobStats. We
- 7 would like -- I would like at the job duties,
- 8 responsibilities, knowledge and skills that was
- 9 required, including education and licensure. And
- 10 comparing that to the skills, knowledge, and
- 11 experience that Ms. Fischman demonstrated
- 12 throughout her legal career, particularly in last
- 13 15 to 20 years.
- 14 Q. Did you say comparing that to the skills
- 15 knowledge and experience of Ms. Fischman in the
- 16 last 20 years?
- 17 A. 15 to 20 years.
- 18 Q. Now walk me through the process of your
- 19 quality check, please; what are the different
- 20 steps in that process -- what did you do first
- and how did you proceed?
- 22 A. First I look at the jobs that were
- 23 identified using keywords and job titles and then
- 24 I would look through the job description; first
- of all, where it's located, what are the

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- 2 requirements, what does this job entail, does it
- 3 require knowledge of certain aspects of the law,
- 4 does it require any supervisory roles, travel.
- 5 But primarily what exactly are the
- 6 responsibilities for the individual who is
- 7 applying for this position. Generally the job
- 8 description can be somewhat detailed and the
- 9 requirements are usually pretty specific,
- 10 although some are preferred rather than required
- 11 and I look at that as well.
- 12 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 13 A. I'm thinking. That's the first step in
- 14 reviewing the job, yes.
- 15 O. Okay. Can you continue on and describe
- 16 additional steps that were consisting -- that
- 17 were within your quality check that you
- 18 described.
- 19 A. So in looking through those different
- 20 items, I would then mentally check off the ones
- 21 that I thought were responsibilities or tasks
- 22 that Ms. Fischman can perform in that job and
- 23 that she could convey that with a degree of
- 24 credibility, knowledge and good presentation to
- 25 make her a competitive candidate. Some jobs were

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- 2 too entry level and we tended to eliminate those.
- 3 And as I mentioned before, if they were really
- 4 very senior jobs, it was my decision not to
- 5 include them.
- 6 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Were there any other steps in the
- 9 quality check you performed?
- 10 A. For the most part, none of these jobs
- 11 have any -- I would say 95 percent of them do not
- include any compensation. At jobs at this level
- 13 they often don't. So if they did, and it was
- 14 well below what someone might be earning -- and I
- do mean very entry level or somewhat entry
- 16 level -- then I would not consider that as a
- 17 viable opportunity, that would help her mitigate
- 18 her damages or be a good selection for her.
- 19 Q. Was there any other step in your quality
- 20 check that you haven't described to me so far?
- 21 A. Other than geographic location or other
- 22 kinds of requirements such as language or
- 23 figuring out certain aspects of the law or an
- 24 industry, I would say not.
- 25 Q. Have you now related to me all steps in

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- 2 your quality check or are there any other steps?
- 3 A. Right now that's what I can recall.
- 4 Q. Okay. If you should recall any
- 5 additional steps, would you please inform me
- 6 immediately?
- 7 A. Of course.
- 8 Q. So with respect to the first part of the
- 9 quality check that you conducted. Did you say
- 10 that that was consisting of going through the
- 11 postings on Forensic JobStats?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did you personally review each of the
- 14 postings?
- 15 A. Not every single one.
- 16 Q. How many postings did you review?
- 17 A. It's hard to say. I did a number of
- 18 different postings -- a good sample of maybe 30,
- 19 40 per year -- depending on how many were
- 20 published. In the first year of her job search
- 21 there was a lower number, it increased in 2018
- 22 and it increased dramatically in 2019. So at
- 23 that point -- but her job search seemed to have
- 24 ended in 2018.
- Nonetheless, I would say I reviewed a

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- 2 significant number of these job.
- 3 Q. In the first year of Ms. Fischman's
- 4 unemployment, how many jobs on Forensic JobStats
- 5 did you review?
- 6 A. I would say -- especially that first
- 7 year, at least 45, 50 -- maybe 45.
- 8 Q. You reviewed approximately 45 job
- 9 postings that were available to Ms. Fischman in
- 10 the first year?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. That's 45 out of how many?
- 13 A. 76.
- 14 Q. All right. So the other 31 jobs you did
- 15 not review for that year, right?
- 16 A. Not specifically, no.
- 17 Q. Of the 45 jobs, you looked at the job
- 18 duties, the responsibilities, the knowledge, the
- 19 skills, the experience and the licensure; was
- 20 that your testimony?
- 21 A. Yes. And the type of industry that it
- 22 entailed, yes.
- Q. What types of industries did you
- 24 include?
- 25 A. Anything to do with technology,

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- 2 manufacturing, industrial. Almost anything that
- 3 was out there. It wasn't necessarily important
- 4 to stick to a particular industry because she had
- 5 covered a lot of different types of functions and
- 6 responsibilities as a lawyer working with
- 7 Raytheon, working with one of the boards of
- 8 directors, as well as her work with Mitsubishi.
- 9 So she had a wide range of experience and skills
- 10 that could apply to multiple industries and
- 11 environments.
- 12 Q. Is that based upon your personal
- 13 experience?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 15 A. It's based upon my experience as someone
- 16 who is looked at professionals and placed them in
- 17 different types of jobs and also just the
- 18 methodology, a job has skills that are
- 19 transferable to other positions. If the
- 20 functions are very similar then that person can
- 21 be deemed as at least qualified enough to apply
- 22 to obtain an interview. If there are more
- 23 specifics that arise during the interview -- and
- 24 that's sometimes happens -- then that person may
- 25 be eliminated, it doesn't mean she didn't have

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- 2 appropriate qualifications, it's more of a
- 3 question of fit, and in comparison with other
- 4 candidates.
- 5 Q. But you base that off of your
- 6 experience, correct?
- 7 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 8 A. I do --
- 9 Q. You --
- 10 A. -- and the methodology that I just
- 11 described. We talked about transferable skills
- 12 analysis. And in this case those are
- 13 transferable skills to a life position such as a
- 14 JC or associate counsel in different companies.
- 15 Obviously, she can go to a different type of
- 16 company internally or even externally and perform
- 17 similar work.
- 18 Q. But in assessing what you described as a
- 19 like position or in assessing as you described it
- 20 similar work, you didn't use any industrial
- 21 psychology methodology to compare the jobs, did
- 22 you?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- A. No, and as I testified before, sir, I
- 25 don't use industrial psychology for this, it's

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- 2 not necessary.
- 3 Q. So that means that there was no job
- 4 analysis performed and no similarly index was
- 5 relied upon, correct?
- 6 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 7 A. No, that's not correct. Industrial
- 8 psychologists have their methodology and
- 9 employability experts and vocational experts have
- 10 theirs. There are probably overlaps and there
- 11 are similarities.
- 12 Q. Did you use any methodology to determine
- or to assess the degree of overlap between Ms.
- 14 Fischman's jobs at Mitsubishi and the jobs in
- 15 Forensic JobStats' database?
- 16 A. Yes, I did.
- 17 Q. What was that methodology?
- 18 A. Looking at the descriptions of the job
- 19 that she -- and the tasks that she performed in
- 20 her resume and comparing those to what I found in
- 21 the jobs that were advertised and how they
- 22 described the position opening.
- 23 Q. So comparing the two job descriptions of
- 24 the job that she had and the job that was listed
- 25 in Forensic JobStats?

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- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. Can anybody make that comparison?
- 4 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 5 A. No -- actually, I found that a lot of
- 6 people don't make a good comparison with that if
- 7 they haven't had the proper training.
- 8 Q. Do you need to be a vocational expert to
- 9 compare the jobs listed that Ms. Fischman had in
- 10 the jobs in Forensic JobStats?
- 11 A. I think that that knowledge is
- 12 particularly important understanding the nuances
- 13 and how a description of a task may not be quite
- 14 appropriate for a job in another venue. And
- 15 that's where I specialize in because I have a
- 16 great deal of business experience and I can tell
- 17 that.
- 18 Q. Can a layperson compare the jobs just as
- 19 easily as you can?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 21 A. From my experience that has not been the
- 22 case. I find that a layperson makes lots of
- 23 assumptions based on what they deem is important
- 24 to them and how they assess it. I seen this many
- 25 times. Attorneys sometimes do the same thing as

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- 2 a layperson.
- 3 Q. I'm sorry, but didn't you just describe
- 4 to me that you made assumptions about the jobs
- 5 based on what you deem important based on your
- 6 experience?
- 7 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 8 A. It's not just -- no, I did not state it
- 9 that quite that way. I indicated that the job
- 10 description is one that I evaluate and analyze in
- 11 the context of the overall job and the company or
- industry and then compare it to what I extract
- 13 from Ms. Fischman's experience, work history, et
- 14 cetera. Certain terminology may appear almost
- 15 the same, sometimes it's not quite the same. And
- 16 that is where my experience in doing this over
- 17 and over again has been helpful.
- 18 Q. But you're relying upon your judgment to
- 19 do that, right?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 21 A. I am relying on my professional judgment
- 22 and experience.
- 23 Q. You're sorting these jobs into buckets
- 24 but whether to include or eliminate them based on
- 25 that judgment, correct?

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- 2 A. Pretty -- yes, I judge whether or not
- 3 they're appropriate and should be included in
- 4 these numbers or they're less appropriate and
- 5 might not be helpful in that.
- 6 Q. And what label would you put on your
- 7 area of expertise, what would you call that?
- 8 A. I would call that job analysis as well
- 9 as transferable skills analysis.
- 10 Q. Is there an area of study that that's
- 11 considered, is that --
- 12 A. Yes, it's in vocational evaluation and
- 13 vocational assessment, which I have training in.
- Q. Did you say vocational evaluation and
- 15 vocational assessment?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Let's presume that you're an expert in
- 18 each of those two topics. If I found another
- 19 expert in each of those topics, would they make
- 20 that identical judgment calls that you made in
- 21 each instance as to whether to include or
- 22 eliminate the job?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 24 A. That is impossible to say. As I
- 25 mentioned before, we each come with our own

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- 2 experiences with different types of positions or
- 3 occupations and so I would hope that the two
- 4 would be fairly comparable and not substantially
- 5 different but I can't say they will be identical.
- 6 Q. As part of your assessment, did you take
- 7 into account the geographical location?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. How did you factor that into your
- 10 assessment?
- 11 A. Ms. Fischman, I believe lived in West
- 12 Chester County, highly commutable to Westchester
- as well as New York City -- well, let me qualify
- 14 that -- I would say Manhattan. I'm not so sure
- 15 other areas in the outer boroughs because the
- 16 commune might be too difficult. So those were
- 17 primarily the areas we looked at unless a job --
- 18 and I can't recall what one did indicated that it
- 19 was more virtual in nature and then that would be
- 20 less relevant.
- 21 Q. Did you factor in commuting distance in
- 22 your assessment?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you eliminate jobs based on
- 25 commuting distance?

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- 2 A. Not just distance, commutation. I lived
- 3 in New Jersey, New York, outside D.C.,
- 4 Philadelphia and I know that commutation is not
- 5 only a radius or a distance it's also how
- 6 difficult that communicate can be if there's a
- 7 direct road to where you need to be. Now,
- 8 commutation to New York is primarily by train so
- 9 access to the Metro North would probably be more
- 10 important.
- 11 Q. How did you determine based on
- 12 commutation which jobs include and which jobs to
- 13 eliminate?
- 14 A. If they had -- well, generally the job
- 15 postings indicated where they were located and
- 16 that was helpful.
- 17 Q. So you know where the job was located.
- 18 How does that -- what criteria do you then
- 19 utilize to include or exclude the job based on
- 20 its location?
- 21 A. Based on my knowledge of commutation
- 22 factors as well as distance, I would determine
- 23 whether or not that was feasible or not. For
- 24 example, if it was near go Poughkeepsie or
- 25 Albany, that's a not commutable.

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- Q. What is your knowledge of what's
- 3 commutable based upon?
- 4 A. Living in this area for 20 years, being
- 5 a sales rep and having to travel through New
- 6 York, Connecticut and Jersey, Westchester County,
- 7 Orange County. I have a pretty good idea about
- 8 commutation.
- 9 Q. That's based upon your residency,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. I lived in different places. So, yes,
- 12 that is based upon residency. I also worked with
- 13 many candidates who live all over the area and we
- 14 often discussed what is feasible for them and
- 15 what is not.
- 16 Q. Are you claiming any expertise in
- 17 commutation?
- 18 A. No, Mr. Berman, I'm not claiming
- 19 expertise in commutation.
- 20 Q. Thank you. Now, you said you also
- 21 considered licensure, right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. How did licensure factor into your
- 24 determinations?
- 25 A. Well, in some ways -- you know, her

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- 2 licensure is in California. We also factored
- 3 into and discussed that if she wanted to pursue
- 4 jobs that required a New York license, she could
- 5 sit for the bar. She was unemployed, she could
- 6 study for it and do so. That's how we determined
- 7 it.
- 8 Q. Didn't you include in your analysis jobs
- 9 that were listed immediately after her
- 10 termination?
- 11 A. Yes, we did.
- 12 Q. Wouldn't it take some period of time for
- 13 her to get admission to the New York bar?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. How long would that take?
- 16 A. That depends. It depends on her taking
- 17 the exam and it depends whether it's available,
- 18 it depends the time she puts in to study for it.
- 19 It could take a good six to nine months if the
- 20 job absolutely requires her to have that
- 21 licensure right now.
- Q. Do you know whether it's lawful to
- 23 practice law in the State of New York without a
- 24 license?
- 25 A. It is not lawful to practice law in the

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- 2 State of New York without a license. You can
- 3 perform other tasks but you really can't perform
- 4 work as an attorney.
- 5 Q. Did you include any jobs outside of the
- 6 State of New York in your analysis?
- 7 A. I believe we did but I can't recall at
- 8 the moment.
- 9 Q. Do you know what states those jobs are
- 10 in?
- 11 A. As I said, I can't recall at the moment.
- 12 I would have to go back over the data.
- 13 Q. Did you include California?
- 14 A. Yes, but sometimes the California jobs
- 15 can also be located here but it might be housed
- 16 in California, such as the Mitsubishi job, for
- 17 example.
- 18 Q. Well, the Mitsubishi job was pursuant to
- 19 a special type of listening, was it not?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know whether Ms. Fischman's
- 22 licensing continued -- her special licensing, do
- 23 you know whether that licensing continued after
- 24 the termination of her employment with
- 25 Mitsubishi?

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- 2 A. I'm not certain.
- 3 Q. Do you know whether Ms. Fischman's
- 4 license expired upon her termination?
- 5 A. I don't know if her license expired in
- 6 California upon termination, the special
- 7 license -- are you talking about the special
- 8 license?
- 9 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. My guess would be that the license may
- 11 have expired after she was terminated because it
- 12 was a special license.
- Q. Did you conduct any assessment of what
- 14 the earliest point in time would have been after
- 15 Ms. Fischman's termination that she could have
- 16 obtained licensure within the State of New York?
- 17 A. Not specifically, no.
- 18 O. No?
- 19 A. No -- not that I can recall. I never
- 20 looked into it so I'm not sure.
- 21 Q. You're not sure. But you do know that
- 22 you included jobs within the State of New York
- 23 that she couldn't possibly have obtained a
- 24 license in time to respond to those jobs,
- 25 correct?

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- 2 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 3 A. It's quite possible she could not but
- 4 she might have been invited for an interview and
- 5 that would have been a very positive thing.
- 6 Q. That's an assumption, correct?
- 7 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 8 A. Yes, it is assumption that she could
- 9 have been invited to an interview.
- 10 Q. Does that also assume that Ms. Fischman
- 11 would pass the bar on her first attempt?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you consider the possibility that
- 15 she would be unable to pass the bar?
- 16 A. I considered it.
- 17 Q. How did you consider that possibility?
- 18 A. I considered the possibility that it
- 19 does happen, number one.
- 20 But I was also considering the fact that
- 21 she had been practicing different forms,
- 22 different types of law for quite some time in
- doing so, as it appeared successfully, in many
- 24 different roles, that she graduated from an
- 25 excellent law school and that with the right

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- 2 amount of time and diligence, I had confidence
- 3 that she would pass the first time.
- 4 Q. In assessing the person's background, is
- 5 that one of the steps in the vocational model
- 6 that we described earlier?
- 7 A. Can you define "background," please.
- 8 Q. Sure. Wasn't one of the steps of the
- 9 vocational model to assess a candidate's
- 10 background?
- 11 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 12 A. I'm still not clear what you mean about
- 13 background.
- 14 Q. I'm just asking you about the steps of
- 15 the vocational model. My understand was that the
- 16 first step of the analysis was to look at purpose
- of referral and then I was attempting to move
- 18 onto whatever the second step would be.
- 19 A. The second step would be to consider her
- 20 background in terms of where she resided; her
- 21 family, does she have family responsibilities
- 22 perhaps; her involvement in non-work activities;
- 23 leadership roles, such as volunteer experience;
- 24 ways in which she might have been embedded in the
- 25 community for a certain period of time versus

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- 2 just newly relocated individual. And I did
- 3 consider that Ms. Fischman had grown up and
- 4 resided in the greater Scarsdale area and that
- 5 she had many relationships there just by being in
- 6 the same place for the majority of her life --
- 7 and let's see -- and that includes her
- 8 educational background, of course, and her
- 9 qualification from that. That would be, you
- 10 know, about the extent of the background for the
- 11 purposes of this report anyhow.
- 12 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 13 A. I believe so.
- 14 Q. So your assessment of her connections to
- 15 the community were based upon assumptions that
- 16 you made about Ms. Fischman?
- 17 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 18 A. She also indicated some things in her --
- 19 some activities in her documentation, such as
- 20 being involved in some community groups and that
- 21 indicates to me someone who has relationships in
- 22 the community.
- 23 O. But does that factor into whether the
- 24 jobs from Forensic JobStats are comparable to her
- 25 job at Mitsubishi?

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- 2 A. No, but it does tell me she has the
- 3 ability to promote her networking activities
- 4 within her community and within the legal
- 5 community in order to help find work.
- 6 Q. So does that pertain to your second of
- 7 your two opinions and not to your first opinion?
- 8 A. That's part of the background as well --
- 9 the background is a piece of that.
- 10 Q. Is there a professional methodology
- 11 that's employed to assess a person's background
- in the manner that you described?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 14 A. I'm not sure about that but it's part of
- 15 the profile that we generally complete for an
- 16 individual that we're evaluating.
- 17 Q. Is it part of the literature with
- 18 respect to vocational evaluation?
- 19 A. I'm sure there's a piece of that
- 20 incorporated somewhere. I'm not sure. It's just
- 21 a natural for thing for me to do and what I was
- 22 trained to do.
- 23 Q. Is there any reference work that you can
- 24 cite me to for that methodology?
- 25 A. I believe the references I've given you

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- 2 before probably I would say have some component
- 3 of that, getting the person's background.
- 4 Q. Then you mentioned another step of the
- 5 analysis being a transferability analysis, did I
- 6 get that correct?
- 7 A. Transferable skills analysis, otherwise
- 8 known as a TSA.
- 9 Q. Transferable skills analysis. Does that
- 10 normally include behavorial observations?
- 11 A. Where I can obtain it, yes. Mostly in
- 12 terms of presentation and articulation.
- 13 Q. You didn't obtain any behavorial
- 14 observations of Ms. Fischman, did you?
- 15 A. No, I did not have that opportunity.
- 16 Q. Doesn't a transferable skills analysis
- 17 normally include psychometric testing?
- 18 A. Not necessarily.
- 19 Q. When you say "not necessarily," what do
- 20 you mean?
- 21 A. What I mean is psychometric testing is
- 22 applied on a case by case basis. If an
- 23 individual has been well-educated and performs
- 24 successfully in so many different roles as Ms.
- 25 Fischman, I would say that psychometric testing

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- 2 is not applicable here.
- 3 Q. Is there any literature in your field of
- 4 study that you relied upon for that
- 5 determination?
- 6 A. I think you'll find in all of this
- 7 literature there will be psychometric testing
- 8 involved where it is appropriate and necessary.
- 9 And, again, a lot of this methodology is about
- 10 pre and post events or injuries. And in this
- 11 case, Ms. Fischman, to the best of my knowledge,
- 12 did not have that type of event. She was -- her
- 13 event was that she was terminated from Mitsubishi
- 14 and then was positioned to look for new
- 15 employment.
- Q. When you say she didn't have that type
- of event, what type of event are you referring
- 18 to?
- 19 A. Injuries or some diminishment of
- 20 capability, cognitive, behavorial or physical,
- 21 which was not evident from the documentation or
- 22 reports that I received. Therefore, I did not
- 23 see it as necessary to perform psychometric
- 24 testing.
- 25 And, again, I want to reiterate,

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- 2 psychometric testing has its place but not in
- 3 every case.
- 4 O. Isn't the determination as to
- 5 appropriateness and necessity of psychometric
- 6 testing a matter of judgment?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. So if we got another vocational expert,
- 9 isn't it possible that they would make a
- 10 different determination than you made?
- 11 A. Anything is possible but I highly doubt
- 12 it.
- 13 Q. So then how can we replicate your
- 14 determination here with respect to the
- 15 methodology in your field of study?
- 16 A. I guess by obtaining your own assessment
- 17 from another expert.
- 18 Q. As you just conceded, the other expert
- 19 might come out on a different determination upon
- 20 that judgment call, correct?
- 21 A. It's quite possible --
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 23 A. -- but highly unlikely.
- Q. You said you made a determination that
- 25 Ms. Fischman did not experience the type of event

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- 2 that involved injury, did I get that correct?
- 3 A. Physical or -- you know, more of a
- 4 physical or illness injury of some kind, yes.
- 5 Q. What about mental illness?
- A. Well, there was nothing in the records
- 7 that indicated that she suffered mental illness,
- 8 inability to perform her work. There's always a
- 9 possibility that someone was depressed or unhappy
- 10 about the way they departed from a job but we
- 11 seen that many times -- I have at least -- and
- 12 those people are more than capable of starting to
- 13 plan and execute a job search.
- Q. When you say -- what's the basis for
- 15 your statement that people who have experienced
- 16 emotional distress or mental distress in
- 17 connection with the termination of their
- 18 employment are, quote, more than capable of
- 19 pursuing a job search?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 21 A. I didn't say all of them. But unless
- 22 there are records or statements to the effect
- 23 that this had that type of effect and that there
- 24 is medical records or statements to support it,
- 25 then, yes, I would have to go on the assumption

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- 2 that she was capable of doing so.
- 3 Q. So that's an assumption, correct?
- 4 A. It's a professional assumption based on
- 5 the information that I have, sir.
- 6 Q. Well, the information that you had
- 7 included the amended complaint in this action,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. Yes, it did.
- 10 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 11 Q. Did you review the amended complaint?
- 12 A. I did.
- 13 Q. If you reviewed the amended complaint,
- 14 do you know whether Ms. Fischman alleges
- 15 emotional distress in connection with her claims
- 16 against Mitsubishi?
- 17 A. Yes, she did but it was not quantified
- 18 and neither did it talk about how it affected her
- 19 ability to transact different activities and/or
- 20 able to perform activities of daily living or
- 21 even to execute other types of plans.
- 22 Q. Okay. Do you have any medical expertise
- 23 in assessing emotional distress?
- A. I rely on medical practitioners to do
- 25 that when medical records and examinations are

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- 2 performed.
- Q. You did not rely on any medical records
- 4 in this case, did you?
- 5 A. None was provided.
- 6 Q. Did you request medical records?
- 7 A. No, I did not.
- 8 Q. Why did you not request medical records?
- 9 A. Because Ms. Fischman had demonstrated
- 10 her ability to at least perform some activities
- of a job search and, obviously, she was able to
- 12 do so -- some. But no, I did not. Neither
- 13 did -- was there any indication that medical
- 14 records were available that described the
- 15 limitations on her functional work capacity such
- 16 that she could not perform a job search.
- 17 Q. But to the be clear you didn't request
- 18 any such records?
- 19 A. No, I did not.
- 20 Q. Sitting here today you don't know
- 21 whether any such records exist, do you?
- 22 A. That is correct.
- 23 Q. If you were provided with medical
- 24 records, can that change the outcome of your
- 25 determination?

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- 2 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 3 A. Depending on what the records describe
- 4 and how they're -- depending on the medical
- 5 records and statements from a treating
- 6 physicians.
- 7 Q. If you were presented with statements
- 8 from treating physicians that indicated that Ms.
- 9 Fischman suffered from severe emotional distress,
- 10 severe depression, severe anxiety; would that
- 11 change your opinion?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 13 A. That depends.
- Q. What does it depend upon?
- 15 A. It depends on the statements, the
- descriptions on how it limited her day-to-day
- 17 activities, how it affected her longer term
- 18 learning. It is not unusual that that kind of
- 19 stress may affect somebody more so in a short
- 20 term as they move forward into their other plans
- 21 and life plans. But this is all speculative at
- 22 best, Mr. Berman, because I have no records.
- Q. Would the transferable skills analysis
- 24 normally include examination of work samples?
- 25 A. It might it depends. I don't need -- I

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- 2 mean, the work samples could be anything from
- 3 writing, to work samples. In this case, in a
- 4 vocational evaluation setting, probably the work
- 5 samples have to do with samples of work task that
- 6 involve fine hand manipulation, ability to follow
- 7 instructions, things of that nature. I do
- 8 believe Ms. Fischman was in a more sophisticated
- 9 role than that required.
- 10 Q. You didn't rook at any work samples for
- 11 Ms. Fischman, did you?
- 12 A. Well, she -- you know, she had been
- 13 performing very well as it appeared and her
- 14 resume was well-written. So, no, I so no work
- 15 samples, no.
- 16 Q. You didn't read any of her writing
- 17 samples, did you?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. You didn't read any of her legal
- 20 research, did you?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. You wouldn't be qualified to evaluate
- 23 her legal writing anyway, would you?
- A. Not entirely, no -- although I can
- 25 understand if it was well-written.

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- O. You wouldn't know if it was correct or
- 3 incorrect, right?
- 4 A. No. As we discussed, I'm not an
- 5 attorney.
- 6 Q. The same with respect to her legal
- 7 research, right?
- 8 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 9 Q. And you don't have any information about
- 10 Ms. Fischman's interpersonal actions with
- 11 clients, do you?
- 12 A. No, I do not have any firsthand
- 13 experience or documentation about that.
- 14 Q. You concluded on page 13 of your
- 15 report -- which I think we looked at
- 16 previously -- that Ms. Fischman had markedly
- 17 significant transferable skills that positioned
- 18 her as a competitive candidate for positions as a
- 19 chief legal officer, counsel, lead corporate or
- 20 general corporate counsel, correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. That doesn't include any executive
- 23 roles, does it?
- 24 A. No.
- Q. Didn't you also opine that Ms. Fischman

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- 2 could have sought employment as an executive?
- 3 A. Well, she could. I mean, that's always
- 4 an option open to an attorney but we decided
- 5 to -- I focussed on her legal employment more
- 6 than anything else.
- 7 Q. In your view, should executive jobs be
- 8 eliminated for consideration for suitable
- 9 employment for Ms. Fischman?
- 10 A. We did pretty -- depending on how the
- 11 job is worded, it may or may not be suitable. We
- 12 did eliminate the chief legal officer counsel
- 13 job -- especially for companies for employers of
- 14 a significant size. You know, you can have any
- 15 job title in a company with fewer than 15
- 16 employees or 10 or a many as 30,000, you know, it
- 17 just depends. So your qualifications may be more
- 18 or less appropriate for those positions.
- 19 Q. I'm asking you specifically about
- 20 executive positions right now.
- 21 Is it your view Ms. Fischman -- that Forensic
- 22 JobStats' positions for executives should be
- 23 eliminated as potential suitable employment for
- 24 Ms. Fischman?
- 25 A. Not necessarily. I depends on the

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- 2 nature of the job and how it's described. There
- 3 are many individuals with legal experience who
- 4 undertake executive level jobs.
- 5 O. Would a chief executive officer
- 6 possession be suitable for Ms. Fischman in your
- 7 view?
- 8 A. A CEO, no.
- 9 Q. What about a chief technical officer?
- 10 A. Likely not, no.
- 11 Q. What about a chief investment officer?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. So there's a panoply of executive level
- 14 skills that would not be considered suitable by
- 15 Ms. Fischman, correct?
- 16 A. Right. And I would not have included
- 17 those in the job postings that I had.
- 18 Q. If Mr. Staller would have done that,
- 19 would that be appropriate?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 21 A. I can't comment whether or not
- 22 Mr. Staller used or did not use certain types of
- 23 criteria. However, I would have not included
- 24 CIO, CTO, COO -- maybe a COO -- but not a CEO
- 25 either.

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- 2 Q. Is it fair to say --
- MR. BERMAN: Withdrawn. I'll move on.
- 4 Q. Did you rely upon any replicable
- 5 methodology in determining which of those
- 6 counsel, lead corporate counsel, or general
- 7 corporate counsel positions you considered
- 8 suitable for Ms. Fischman?
- 9 A. I'm not sure I understand the question,
- 10 sir, can you rephrase perhaps.
- 11 Q. Sure. You used a methodology to include
- 12 or exclude positions that were characterized as
- 13 counsel or lead corporate or general corporate
- 14 counsel, correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. So was there any methodology that
- 17 you used that we can provide to another expert
- 18 such they can replicate your work in either
- 19 including or eliminating these jobs?
- 20 A. The methodology I used was looking -- as
- 21 I described previously, was looking at the
- 22 various tasks and responsibilities in those jobs
- and how they fit Ms. Fischman's qualifications,
- 24 knowledge, skills and experience.
- To a certain degree, some of the job's

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- 2 titles may be less appropriate, as I mentioned
- 3 before, depending on the size of the company. If
- 4 it's a chief legal officer that's global in
- 5 nature and had a lot of supervisory and
- 6 management responsibilities and legislative
- 7 responsibilities, that may not be as appropriate
- 8 for Ms. Fischman as a similar role with a smaller
- 9 company.
- 10 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 11 A. Pretty much.
- 12 Q. The determination of whether job titles
- 13 are more or less appropriate, is that a matter of
- 14 judgment?
- 15 A. It's not just a job title, it's a job
- 16 description, sir.
- 17 Q. Are those two things a matter of
- 18 judgment?
- 19 A. To a certain degree and also there in
- 20 black and white, there is her resume and there
- 21 are the job titles and there are the descriptors.
- Q. You didn't use something such as a
- 23 standardized occupational code in making your
- 24 determination, did you?
- 25 A. No, that's not as useful for these

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- 2 particular jobs. No, it's not.
- 3 Q. You didn't use a standard industrial
- 4 classification either, did you?
- 5 A. A Standard industrial classification is
- 6 just for lawyers. Lawyers is a very wide range
- 7 of position so no. We did use the SOC codes to
- 8 identify these jobs and then it was our job to
- 9 sift though those and see which ones were a more
- 10 likely fit.
- 11 Q. So how can I replicate your work in
- 12 using the SOC codes to identify the jobs that
- 13 were included?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 15 A. I think you would have to go through the
- 16 same process that I did.
- 17 Q. Is there something that you can provide
- 18 to me so that I can replicate your work in
- 19 identifying those SOC codes and sorting the jobs
- 20 on the basis of those codes?
- 21 A. As I said, the SOC codes for attorneys
- 22 generally tends to be fairly specific -- so these
- 23 are lawyers. Then you have to go through the job
- 24 descriptions and use knowledge and experience to
- 25 understand how there is a good fit.

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- 2 Q. So do we agree that you used subjective
- 3 factors to make those determinations?
- 4 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 5 A. No, I don't agree with that.
- 6 Q. Well, were there objective factors that
- 7 you used that didn't --
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. -- that didn't require a exercise of
- 10 judgment?
- 11 A. Everything requires some exercise of
- 12 judgment. And, yes, if I were to look at a line
- of text about a particular job, task,
- 14 responsibility, et cetera, and then I were to
- 15 compare that to what Ms. Fischman had described
- in her resume about her job, which she described
- 17 in some detail in the different areas she had
- 18 experience in, I don't consider that to be
- 19 subjective. Those are keywords that appear in
- 20 both.
- 21 Q. I'm making a somewhat different point --
- 22 and perhaps I should clarify my question.
- In the event that you had used specific
- 24 occupational codes or industrial classifications,
- 25 those were all contained on the lists, right?

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- 2 A. Yes, and they were used. Forensic
- 3 JobStats -- that's only way we can pull the data
- 4 is using the SOC codes.
- 5 Q. Right. In order for me to have an
- 6 expert replicate your work, I would have to have
- 7 a list of the SOC codes or standard industrial
- 8 classification codes that you used or didn't use,
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. Yes, more than likely or they could do
- 11 that themselves. It's fairly common.
- 12 Q. Well, if they did it themselves, they
- 13 might not exactly replicate your work, correct,
- 14 they might make different determinations as to
- 15 which codes to include or exclude, correct?
- 16 A. That's true, they could include other
- 17 codes, et cetera. They could broaden their
- 18 search and make it even wider.
- 19 Q. So isn't it correct that the only way
- 20 that I can replicate your work or I can have one
- 21 of my experts replicate your work is if you
- 22 provided me with the codes?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- A. You can do that.
- 25 Q. But you haven't provided us with the

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- 2 codes used as part of your report, have you?
- 3 A. No, I have not.
- 4 O. At the time of Ms. Fischman's
- 5 termination, how old was she?
- 6 A. She was 49.
- 7 Q. Did you factor her age into the
- 8 determination as to whether she was competitive
- 9 for a corporate professional position?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Is there a relationship between age and
- 12 competitiveness?
- 13 A. Yes, there is.
- Q. What's the nature of that relationship?
- 15 A. As one approaches their mid to late 50s,
- 16 their competitive position can diminish to a
- 17 certain degree depending on the role -- if
- 18 they're looking for work in a corporation, for
- 19 example, even at 55 they still have a good what
- 20 we would call "runway" i.e., future work years to
- 21 still make a positive contribution and be able to
- 22 use their knowledge and experience to both mentor
- 23 those on their team or consult internally and
- 24 externally, manage projects, et cetera. But --
- 25 Q. Is there -- sorry, go ahead.

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- 2 A. -- 49 is considered to be a mid
- 3 vocational age, even today, and competitive.
- 4 Q. Is there any particular literature that
- 5 you're relying upon for the determination that 49
- 6 is mid vocational age?
- 7 A. I would have to check that out. I do
- 8 know that it is -- I believe, the Bureau of Labor
- 9 Statistics also incorporates those numbers
- 10 starting at 85 -- sorry -- 55 they will start
- 11 addressing that as a somewhat later vocational
- 12 age.
- 13 Q. Under vocational concerns on page 13 of
- 14 your report -- it should be the same page, do you
- 15 see that?
- 16 A. I do.
- 17 Q. So what's the factual basis for your
- 18 determination that during Ms. Fischman's startup
- 19 years in real estate she would likely earn
- 20 significantly less income. You don't cite any
- 21 work there.
- 22 A. No, I don't. This is basic -- well,
- 23 first of all, I looked at the two different
- 24 databases for what sales agents would earn in the
- 25 Westchester area or New York metropolitan region

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- 2 and it would -- \$1000,000 per year would be at
- 3 the very high end -- of course, she's in affluent
- 4 area, I would think sales commission would be
- 5 higher as well. In my experience in evaluating
- 6 other people who have been brokers, agents in
- 7 real estate and conducting my own labor market
- 8 research, I've told time and time again that not
- 9 only does it require 100 percent of effort and
- 10 time but it takes time to build your client base
- 11 to get referrals, to seek referrals so that you
- 12 both get commissions for both, sales and
- 13 buyers -- the seller and the buyer and/or that
- 14 you can do it just by working with buyers. I
- 15 mean, there are a lot of different ways to make
- 16 money in real estate but it takes time to get
- 17 there. Especially if you had limited or no
- 18 experience before.
- 19 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 20 A. I have.
- 21 Q. You don't reference any of these
- 22 databases that you just cited for your real
- 23 estate knowledge in your report, do you?
- 24 A. No, I don't.
- 25 Q. How can I replicate your understanding

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- 2 of the lengthy earning capacity for someone in
- 3 real estate?
- 4 A. I can provide the databases I that
- 5 referenced.
- 6 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 7 Q. With respect to the rest of it that you
- 8 said you consulted with others -- I'm
- 9 characterizing your testimony, so please correct
- 10 me if I'm mischaracterizing it -- but I believe
- 11 you told me that you were relying upon what had
- 12 been conveyed to you by others in the real estate
- 13 field; did I get that right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. So that determination is not based on
- 16 your own firsthand knowledge, is it?
- 17 A. Well, I -- as a professional
- 18 employability evaluator, is it my role to conduct
- 19 labor market research, which often means going to
- 20 others in the field who own those companies, who
- 21 have been in it for a while so that they can
- 22 educate me or keep me up to date on what's going
- 23 on in the real estate -- residential real estate
- 24 industry and in a particular region. It's my job
- 25 to stay up to date with that with every case.

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- 2 Q. Have you completed your answer?
- A. I have.
- 4 Q. Ms. Wexler, I want to be very clear, I'm
- 5 not questioning your knowledge and ability as a
- 6 vocational professional, okay?
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. Do you understand that you're testifying
- 9 in this case as an expert under the Federal rules
- 10 of evidence?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Do you understand that the definition
- 13 under Federal rules of who is an expert that can
- 14 provide testimony may be different than the
- definition of someone who is capable to provide
- 16 advise to other professionals in the vocational
- 17 area?
- 18 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 19 Q. Do you understand the question?
- 20 A. I do but it is also my understanding it
- is my role as an expert to rely on that as well.
- 22 And in my role, that type of hearsay, if you
- 23 will, is admissible.
- Q. Okay. So we might have different views
- 25 of the role of an expert in litigation in Federal

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- 2 court. Pursuant to the Federal rules, there are
- 3 requirements as to what must be contained within
- 4 the report of a testifying expert, are you aware
- 5 of that?
- 6 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. So you understand that, for instance,
- 9 you have to provide a complete statement of all
- 10 opinions that you will express and the basis and
- 11 reasons for them?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Are you aware that you also have to
- 14 identify the facts or data considered in forming
- 15 your opinions?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 O. So there are several items that I
- 18 already identified that you have expressed to me
- 19 that you've relied upon that are not contained
- 20 within your expert report --
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 22 Q. -- so how can I obtain those things that
- 23 are not included?
- A. (No verbal response.)
- 25 Q. So, for example, two data bases you just

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- 2 referenced under your vocational concerns, the
- 3 database that you claim to have relied upon or
- 4 the sources of secondhand information that you
- 5 claim to have relied upon in reaching the
- 6 determination that \$100,000 in annual earnings is
- 7 at the high end of a potential realtor's earning
- 8 capacity. How can I double check that?
- 9 A. By my providing those databases.
- 10 Q. But you haven't done so yet, correct?
- 11 A. As of yet.
- 12 Q. Now as part of your vocational analysis
- of Ms. Fischman's potential earnings in the real
- 14 estate field, did you take into consideration
- 15 that she has immediate family that already
- 16 practitioner in that field?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. How did you factor that in?
- 19 A. That she could likely begin to start
- 20 faster than somebody else but it's speculative at
- 21 best while she has family members in there, I
- 22 don't know whether they're going to share
- 23 compensation with her, share commissions. I
- 24 don't know whether or not they're going to
- 25 introduce her or show her how to get other types

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- of roles. I'm not saying she can't accelerate
- 3 that process. I think she made it quite clear
- 4 with her mother an icon in the real estate
- 5 business in the Scarsdale area is a good head
- 6 start -- but who knows. And no compensation was
- 7 provided to me about what she has earned thus far
- 8 as an agent.
- 9 Q. Did you ask for it?
- 10 A. I relied on counsel to ask for it. I
- 11 believe that it was their intention but I don't
- 12 know.
- 13 Q. I asked you whether you asked for
- 14 compensation information about Ms. Fischman, did
- 15 you ask for that?
- 16 A. I asked for compensation about the
- 17 Mitsubishi compensation but not for the real
- 18 estate because at the time that this was written
- 19 she was still fairly new in it.
- 20 Q. So, if you were told that she earned in
- 21 excess is of \$200,000 a year, would that change
- 22 your opinion?
- 23 A. It might if she did. And I don't know
- 24 if she earned that gross or net.
- 25 Q. Are you familiar with the difference in

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- 2 real estate between gross and net income?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Are you an expert on that?
- 5 A. No.
- Q. What's the basis of your knowledge?
- 7 A. Because I would want to know -- because
- 8 I looked at it before and I worked with -- I
- 9 evaluated other brokers -- and she's an agent and
- 10 not broker from what I understand -- that in
- 11 terms of their expenses and how the commission
- 12 the divvied up and a whole bunch other things.
- 13 So it's hard to say.
- Q. And you also understand that there is a
- 15 variation in you how the commission splits are
- 16 determined, correct?
- 17 A. Definitely.
- 18 Q. It ranges between -- there's a broad
- 19 range of what possible splits are, correct?
- 20 A. That's right.
- 21 Q. And it's also possible that will have to
- 22 be split with other brokers, correct?
- 23 A. Oh, sure.
- Q. For example, a commission may have to be
- 25 split between both a buyer's representative and a

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- 2 seller's representative?
- 3 A. Absolutely.
- 4 O. Does it also factor in the deductions
- 5 for the expenses of things such as advertising,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. That's what I meant about gross and net,
- 8 yes.
- 9 Q. Also marketing, correct?
- 10 A. That's right.
- 11 Q. Is it fair to say those are material and
- 12 significant expenses for a realtor?
- 13 A. It depends if you're also doing other
- 14 things; staging, that you might observing the
- 15 course for versus the seller. There are many
- 16 different ways that splits can take place.
- 17 Q. If I asked you this before, please let
- 18 me know and I'll move on.
- Are you familiar with the legal standard
- 20 applicable to a plaintiff's duty to mitigate
- 21 damages?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 23 A. Yes, you did ask that before.
- Q. Can you relate to me your understanding
- 25 what duty a plaintiff has to seek a job?

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- 2 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 3 A. They have a duty to seek a job with --
- 4 and to demonstrate that they have done so. The
- 5 demonstration can be vis-a-vis recollections but
- 6 more than likely in terms of documentation where
- 7 they -- it's my understanding that they're
- 8 required to produce. The standard for that may,
- 9 as we have discussed before, be somewhat
- 10 different than what our field -- my professor --
- 11 regards as a diligent job search. This is why I
- 12 give a range with the amount of effort that goes
- 13 into a job search.
- Q. Do you know whether a plaintiff has an
- 15 obligation to go into another line of work?
- 16 A. They don't necessarily have that
- 17 obligation. They can chose to and a line of work
- 18 may be somewhat different, it doesn't need to be
- 19 identical.
- Q. Okay. Are they obligated to accept a
- 21 demotion?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- MR. BERMAN: I'll accept a standing
- objection to this line of question, is that
- 25 okay?

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- 2 MS. PRIMAVERA: Okay.
- 3 Q. Is a plaintiff whose -- is there a
- 4 requirement for a job searcher to accept a
- 5 demotion?
- 6 A. They're not obligated to accept a lesser
- 7 job but, of course, the lesser is arbitrary.
- 8 Q. Well, there might be an objective basis
- 9 for determining one job is lesser than another,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. That is true.
- 12 Q. So, for instance, some jobs pay less
- 13 than other, correct?
- 14 A. Yes. But my understanding is that
- 15 individual in an effort to make some effort to
- 16 lessen -- well, mitigate damages can be held to
- 17 accept a job that might be somewhat less. I'm
- 18 not talking about a great degree of less, which
- is why we eliminated certain jobs that I've
- 20 identified because it was way too less.
- 21 Q. They're not required to take a demeaning
- 22 job, correct?
- A. No, they're not required to take a
- 24 demeaning job.
- 25 Q. Or to apply to jobs that they're

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- 2 unqualified for, right?
- 3 MS. PRIMAVERA: I understand that this
- 4 is a standing objection to this line of
- 5 questioning. I mean, she's not here
- 6 testifying as an attorney and these are all
- 7 calling for legal conclusions.
- 8 MR. BERMAN: I understand your
- 9 objection. I'm accepting your objection but
- I'm going to apply it in a moment, okay?
- 11 That's my proffer to you.
- 12 Q. Do we agree that they're not obligated
- 13 to apply for jobs they're unqualified for?
- 14 A. They may not be fully qualified for.
- 15 They may have some degree of qualifications so
- 16 that, Mr. Berman, I think is a little bit
- 17 speculative.
- 18 Q. Can we agree that the standard is one of
- 19 reasonableness at least in respect to the legal
- 20 standards that apply?
- 21 A. I will accept that reasonableness should
- 22 be one of the criteria.
- 23 Q. And you've opined on reasonableness,
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 2 Q. Your version of reasonableness may not
- 3 be identical to the legal standard of
- 4 reasonableness, correct?
- 5 A. That could be true.
- 6 Q. So, for instance, in your determination
- 7 as to the reasonableness of plaintiff's job
- 8 search, did you factor there in that it might not
- 9 be suitable for Ms. Fischman to into another line
- 10 of work?
- 11 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 12 Q. In other words, did you eliminate job
- 13 opportunities in other lines of work?
- 14 A. We pretty much confined out search -- we
- decided to look at the parameters in the legal
- 16 profession because that is where she would be
- more or most competitive to find employment more
- 18 quickly and closer to her prior level of
- 19 compensation.
- Q. Okay. Did you eliminate lesser jobs?
- 21 A. We eliminated quite a few lesser jobs,
- 22 some may have come through but quite a few were
- 23 eliminated.
- 24 O. You continue eliminate lesser
- 25 compensating jobs because, as you testified

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- 2 earlier, 95 percent of the listings didn't
- 3 include that, correct?
- 4 A. Right. And sometimes the compensation
- 5 may be something that an employer has in mind but
- 6 could be more flexible when they meet the right
- 7 person.
- 8 Q. Do you know what Ms. Fischman's rate of
- 9 compensation was in her last job at Mitsubishi?
- 10 A. \$230,000 a year from what I understand.
- 11 Q. Do you know what proportion of jobs
- 12 listed for attorneys in Forensic JobStats pay
- 13 less than that?
- 14 A. I can't really tell you at this time.
- 15 O. You didn't factor that into your
- 16 analysis, did you?
- 17 A. It would be very difficult to do so.
- 18 Q. Thank you. Doesn't it take longer for a
- 19 person over 40 to find a job?
- 20 A. As compared to a 25 year old, yes.
- 21 Q. Did you factor that into your analysis?
- 22 A. No, because we also looked at -- well
- yes and no, we also had a reasonable expectation
- 24 about what -- from statistics from the Bureau of
- 25 Labor Statistics, the US Department of Labor,

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- 2 what a reasonable amount of time would be for
- 3 someone to find a job particularly in a
- 4 management role, and a management role by and of
- 5 itself implies someone in their late 30s to 50s
- 6 and that was still approximately 15 to 18 weeks.
- 7 So age 40 is still considered to be a pretty
- 8 competitive employment age.
- 9 Q. Ms. Fischman wasn't a manager, was she?
- 10 A. No, she was a professional -- a high
- 11 ranking professional.
- 12 Q. Does age bias impact the length of a job
- 13 search?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 15 A. It can -- I do want -- I do want to add
- 16 that management piece that I just mentioned from
- 17 Bureau Labor Statistics included professions, not
- 18 necessary only management.
- 19 Q. Have you completed your answer?
- 20 A. Yes. And that last question was --
- 21 Q. Does age bias the length of a job
- 22 search?
- 23 A. Yes, it will.
- Q. Don't you factor that in?
- 25 A. For Ms. Fischman to a limited degree,

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- 2 she still was a competitive applicant for someone
- 3 at her level of employment.
- 4 Q. Does gender bias impact the length of a
- 5 job search?
- 6 A. It can.
- 7 Q. Did you factor that into your analysis
- 8 of the expected duration of Ms. Fischman's --
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. How did you factor that in?
- 11 A. Assuming because I gave a range. Like I
- 12 said, it would be between six to twelve months so
- 13 that would absolutely factor age, gender --
- 14 Q. You said six to twelve months?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Are you familiar with applicant tracking
- 17 systems?
- 18 A. Yes, I am.
- 19 O. Do those screen candidates out based
- 20 upon computerized determinations?
- 21 A. Yes, I'm very familiar with that.
- 22 Q. Don't some of them screen based upon
- 23 age?
- A. I'm sure they might but it doesn't
- 25 necessarily mean that age was indicated in the

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- 2 application.
- 3 Q. But there are mother proxies for age
- 4 that might be indicated in the application,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. That could be.
- 7 Q. Did you factor that into your analysis
- 8 of duration of unemployment?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. How did you factor that in?
- 11 A. Again, with six to twelve months. I
- 12 also expected that Ms. Fischman would have
- 13 applied to jobs through networking that would not
- 14 have required going through an applicant tracking
- 15 system but more of personal referral.
- 16 Q. That's an assumption, correct?
- 17 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 18 A. That is something I would have expected
- 19 a job applicant to do.
- Q. It's an expectation, correct?
- 21 A. It is a significant expectation because
- 22 that's the way people find jobs. The higher
- level of jobs, the more likely you are to find
- 24 them through networking introductions, referrals
- 25 and meetings versus an online application system.

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- 2 Q. In evaluating Ms. Fischman's job search
- 3 efforts, you relied exclusively upon the
- 4 documentation provided to you, correct?
- 5 A. That is true.
- 6 Q. Isn't it also true that an applicant can
- 7 fall into a black hole in one of these applicant
- 8 tracking systems such as they don't receive a
- 9 record of their employment application?
- 10 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 11 A. Well, the black hole may be more tied to
- 12 if they didn't get a response that they made that
- 13 application. But most of these job posting
- 14 systems applicant tracking systems have the
- 15 ability for someone to take a screen shot or get
- 16 some sort of confirmation that their application
- 17 has been made and sent.
- 18 Q. Okay. Are you aware that you testified
- 19 in Downing matter that there are instances where
- 20 an applicant may not get an acknowledgement of
- 21 the application or hear anything back from the
- 22 employer?
- 23 A. That's a different than not having
- 24 record of making an application. Yes, I am
- 25 familiar with that statement.

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- 2 Q. Your position hasn't change since then,
- 3 has it?
- 4 A. No. Let me clarify, sir, I'm talking
- 5 about having a record of an application that's
- 6 made through your own personal history is
- 7 different than expecting to receive a response
- 8 from an employer.
- 9 Q. Again, you didn't factor in Ms.
- 10 Fischman's testimony -- her verbal testimony
- 11 concerning what job she applied to, correct?
- 12 A. No. At the time of my report no
- 13 testimony had been taken.
- Q. So would you opinion as to the adequacy
- of Ms. Fischman's job search change based upon
- 16 her testimony?
- 17 A. Depends upon her testimony.
- 18 Q. Didn't you testify earlier today that
- 19 when an applicant has not conducted a job search
- 20 in a number of years it impacts the duration of
- 21 their unemployment?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- Q. Did I mischaracterize your testimony?
- A. You didn't include all of it, which is
- 25 it depends on the length of the duration of

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- 2 unemployment.
- 3 Q. Did you factor in that Ms. Fischman
- 4 hadn't done a job search in many years?
- 5 A. Yes, 10 years or so, you know, because
- 6 she went from Raytheon to Mitsubishi. Yes, I
- 7 factored that in.
- 8 Q. Did you factor in that she did not have
- 9 a job reference?
- 10 A. Yes, although interestingly enough on
- 11 LinkedIn she did have individuals who would, you
- 12 know, that stood up for her, so to speak, of
- 13 giving her a positive review.
- Q. Were any of those individuals employed
- 15 by Mitsubishi?
- 16 A. I don't believe so but I can't recall.
- 17 Q. Did you factor in she that didn't have a
- 18 job reference from anyone at Mitsubishi?
- 19 A. No, I don't if she sought and made any
- 20 effort to get a job reference from someone who
- 21 was a colleague, maybe not a supervisor, or
- 22 someone to whom she directly reported at
- 23 Mitsubishi. There are ways to work around it.
- 24 I, as a recruiter, I work with many individuals
- 25 who lost work -- their employment and needed to

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- 2 find ways to get references.
- In addition, please note, many companies
- 4 do not give direct references anymore other than
- 5 to say, you know, what your period -- you know,
- 6 they're legally bound so they don't give them.
- 7 Q. I'm an employment lawyer so I'm aware of
- 8 the subject matters that you're discussing.
- 9 But you don't know one way or the other
- 10 whether Ms. Fischman had any kind of reference
- 11 available to her from Mitsubishi, correct?
- 12 A. Nor do I know if she sought them.
- 13 Q. That's not factored into your analysis,
- 14 is it?
- 15 A. It is factored into the analysis in
- 16 terms of the length of time I thought it would
- 17 take. And I also would have expected her to, as
- 18 you mentioned, she had not looked for a job for a
- 19 while, so I would have expected her to consult
- 20 with recruiters or a career advisor to get that
- 21 back on track in today's world.
- Q. Okay. As a recruiter wouldn't you see
- 23 it as a red flag if someone came to you with no
- job references from the employer where they had
- 25 worked for the last 10 years?

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- 2 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 3 A. As a recruiter I would be considered
- 4 about that. I also know those people are still
- 5 placeable.
- 6 Q. Well, what percentage of candidates that
- 7 seek employment through a recruiter get placed by
- 8 the recruiter --
- 9 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 10 Q. -- do you know anything about that?
- 11 A. I can't possibly answer that question,
- 12 it is far too broad.
- Q. When you say they're still placeable,
- 14 you mean there is still a possibility of
- 15 placement, correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. But you can't speak to the likelihood of
- 18 placement, correct?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- Q. Do you understand the distinction?
- 21 A. I understand the distinction. It is
- 22 possible. How likely? Fairly likely given her
- 23 experience. I seen people rewound from negative
- 24 terms under which they lost their employment
- 25 before and find new employment.

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- 2 Q. Okay. We agreed anything is possible.
- 3 What I'm asking you is whether there's any way to
- 4 quantify how possible it is, how likely it is,
- 5 how probable it is?
- 6 A. I can't do that. I'm not sure if a
- 7 legal recruiter can do it that well either.
- 8 Q. Can a vocational expert do that?
- 9 A. All we can do is the possibilities and
- 10 the and likelihoods and she was a very
- 11 experienced professional who had good skills to
- 12 take to another company. Maybe not a major
- 13 corporation like she was employed with but --
- 14 Q. You haven't identified the probability
- 15 that she can find suitable employment in your
- 16 report, have you?
- 17 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 18 A. I did say it would take her about six to
- 19 twelve months, which encompasses all of these
- 20 negative factors that you have --
- 21 O. But that assessment that it would take
- 22 her between six and twelve months, that's not
- 23 based upon a statistical measure involving a
- 24 confidence interval, is it?
- 25 A. No, it is not.

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- Q. You can't tell me that I'm 95 percent
- 3 sure that she would have found a job within X
- 4 amount of time, can you?
- 5 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- A. I don't have a statistical substance for
- 7 that. But I feel within a 95 percent, 90 percent
- 8 certainty that she would have found a job within
- 9 that six to twelve months that would have been of
- 10 competitive compensation.
- 11 Q. But that's based upon your feeling and
- 12 your judgment, not upon statistical science,
- 13 contribute?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 15 A. It's based upon my judgment, my
- 16 experience and it is not statistically based.
- 17 Q. Thank you. Doesn't it make more
- 18 difficult for someone who has filed a public
- 19 discrimination lawsuit to seek employment?
- 20 A. Yes, the public statement on that does
- 21 make it more difficult.
- Q. Did you factor that into your analysis?
- 23 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. How did you factor that in?
- 25 A. That it was going to take that many more

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- 2 relationships, that many more referrals,
- 3 introduction, networking. I considered that the
- 4 networking was going to be even more important
- 5 for her to be able to get an introduction to a
- 6 potential opportunity because it would be a
- 7 personal introduction and could somewhat mitigate
- 8 that risk -- that employer perceived risk.
- 9 Q. Doesn't mental health also impact the
- 10 ability of a person to find a job?
- 11 A. Yes, depending on the degree. And
- 12 that's why working with professionals can be very
- 13 useful if in this matter.
- 14 Q. So with respect to all these questions,
- 15 don't these require an individualized inquiry of
- 16 the particular candidate and their prospects for
- 17 employment?
- 18 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 19 Q. Each person will have been a different
- 20 degree of mental health, a different age, a
- 21 different set of knowledge, skills and abilities
- 22 and all these other factors that you looked at
- 23 such as references, et cetera, correct?
- A. Yes, that's true.
- 25 Q. So when you're opining in your expert

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- 2 report, aren't you opining about job prospects
- 3 for a candidate in general?
- 4 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 5 A. Well, I'm -- not in general specific to
- 6 that person.
- 7 Q. In your analysis of the duration of
- 8 unemployment in your expert report, did you rely
- 9 upon the BLS statistics, the Bureau of Labor
- 10 Statistics?
- 11 A. I incorporated that. It was a pretty
- 12 aggressive statistic, it indicated the
- 13 possibility of -- the median, I should say, was
- 14 18 weeks.
- 15 Q. Are you familiar with the underlying BLS
- 16 data?
- 17 A. Yes. In what way are you referencing?
- 18 Q. Do you know whether BLS statistics
- 19 consider compensation?
- 20 A. They look at management levels, they
- 21 look at gender, they look at age, they combine it
- 22 together. Some of it can be somewhat distorted
- 23 because they might be comparing it to someone who
- 24 is somewhat younger, who was in a much lower
- 25 paying position and that's why we tend to look at

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- 2 what I describe as the management of professional
- 3 level and to see what the median is for that.
- 4 Q. I asked you a more specific question. I
- 5 asked you whether the BLS statistics consider
- 6 compensation?
- 7 A. No, I believe it's basically just on the
- 8 SOC codes and you know the position.
- 9 Q. Thank you. Do they consider the
- 10 applicant pool?
- 11 A. That I'm not sure. I know they look at
- 12 the number of people that are employed in those
- 13 professions or occupations and then take a look
- 14 at that as well.
- 15 Q. Do they look at the demographics of the
- 16 population that you just described?
- 17 A. The demographics -- they do have other
- 18 statistics that look at those demographics.
- 19 However, in this case, they would -- when we came
- 20 up to the management, again, more professional
- 21 level of positions, they did not -- well, they do
- 22 indicate it further down on the list as to
- 23 whether they're white, black, Hispanic, et
- 24 cetera. But, of course, those latitudes do not
- apply to Ms. Fischman.

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- Q. Ms. Wexler, do the BLS statistics for
- 3 duration of unemployment include the demographics
- 4 of the applicant pool?
- 5 A. The demographics of the applicant pool,
- 6 no, not necessarily.
- 7 Q. Do they include whether the jobs were
- 8 posted internally or externally?
- 9 A. No, they do not.
- 10 Q. Do they include whether the role was
- 11 filled or unfilled?
- 12 A. No, they do not to the best of my
- 13 knowledge.
- 14 Q. Do they include how the role was filled?
- 15 For example, internally, externally or via a
- 16 recruiter?
- 17 A. No, they don't.
- 18 Q. Do they include who filled the role,
- 19 including, for example, their age, sex or whether
- 20 they had filed a public claim of discrimination?
- 21 A. No, they would include the later. Age
- 22 and sex, yes.
- Q. Do they include mental health?
- A. No, they don't.
- 25 Q. Are you aware that you testified

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- 2 previously that the BLS statistics do not include
- 3 age or sex?
- 4 A. Well, certain -- some of the statistics
- 5 do.
- 6 Q. I'm talking about the statistics
- 7 utilized in the duration of unemployment
- 8 analysis?
- 9 A. Yes, they do. I know that they -- we
- 10 looked at that before and the duration -- the
- 11 age -- there are different charts that you can
- 12 reference -- there are different databases and
- one of them will consider age and sex. But
- 14 they're broken down differently.
- But when it comes to the higher level
- 16 role of professional employment, they generally
- do not include those two components. You have to
- 18 break them out.
- 19 Q. Including or excluding the jobs from
- 20 Forensic JobStats, did you exclude jobs for which
- 21 Ms. Fischman was overqualified?
- 22 A. We did our best to do that.
- Q. What does that mean, you did your best?
- 24 A. We sampled many of the -- as many of the
- 25 jobs that we reasonably could and eliminated

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- 2 those that we thought were too junior.
- 3 Q. If there were only 76 jobs in the first
- 4 year why didn't you look at all 76?
- 5 A. Well, I looked at some and my associate
- 6 looked at some.
- 7 Q. But your associate is not here to
- 8 testify, correct?
- 9 A. That is correct.
- 10 Q. And he's not going to testify at trial,
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. No, he is not.
- 13 Q. All right. You're familiar with the
- 14 Forensic JobStats' database job postings --
- 15 A. I'm familiar with the Forensic JobStats'
- 16 posting and you said something else I didn't
- 17 catch.
- 18 Q. I'm just asking -- you're generally
- 19 familiar with the jobs that are listed in that
- 20 database, correct?
- 21 A. Generally, yes.
- 22 Q. You don't know how they get the jobs in
- 23 that database, do you?
- 24 A. Yes, I do.
- 25 Q. How do you have personal firsthand

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- 2 knowledge of how to get those jobs?
- 3 A. Well, firsthand, they explain the
- 4 process to me -- I asked them. Do I actually sit
- 5 with them and go through the computer, no. I
- 6 give them the SOC codes or in this case Mr. Chad
- 7 did and were in agreement with that and then we
- 8 got the report -- we asked for the report
- 9 directly, which we were granted and we went
- 10 through it on our own. I didn't sit with them.
- I mean, we -- you know, normally I've gone
- 12 through them enough so I know how they go into
- 13 the database and use those codes to sort through
- 14 hundreds of thousands of jobs and filter them.
- 15 O. I understand that but what I'm asking
- 16 you -- my intent is to ask you whether you
- 17 verified that the jobs that were provided to you
- 18 from Forensic JobStats were actually posted in
- 19 the real world?
- 20 A. I would say that Gardener a consulting
- 21 group for Neuron would stand behind their data.
- 22 It's posted in the real world, these were posted
- 23 on job sites with employers as well as different
- 24 job postings job sites. LinkedIn is not included
- 25 in it. However, do I know for sure -- can I go

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- 2 back in time and see if that actually occurred,
- 3 no.
- 4 Q. Did you check whether the jobs that
- 5 surfaced in your results were actually posted in
- 6 the real world?
- 7 A. I didn't go back -- I don't have the
- 8 capacity to go back to 2017, '18 and '19. The
- 9 data just simply isn't available to us unless we
- 10 use tools like this.
- 11 Q. Even if you had data, you wouldn't be
- 12 able to determine whether the jobs were posted
- 13 externally versus internally, correct?
- 14 A. Yes, a lot of them were posted
- 15 externally. They came from recruiters, they came
- 16 from on Indeed. Could I absolutely break those
- down into percentages about what were internal
- 18 and external, no.
- 19 Q. But you also don't have any personal
- 20 information about how much market penetration any
- 21 of those job sites have, correct? Like, you
- don't know, for example, that each of the job
- 23 sites listed in there are job sites that are
- 24 routinely used by lawyers in the performance of a
- 25 job search, correct?

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- 2 A. No, I can't necessary -- you know, a
- 3 good job searcher who is looking online will go
- 4 to different sites and put in keywords and these
- 5 will pop up.
- 6 Q. Are you familiar with the Pareto Rule,
- 7 80/20 rule?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. So then is it fair to say, generally
- 10 speaking, that 80 percent of the jobs that are
- 11 posted are going to be in 20 percent of the job
- 12 sites?
- 13 A. In this --
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 15 A. -- in this case I would say that could
- 16 be the case. I'm not but -- I'm not qualified to
- 17 say yes or no on that but it captures a lot of
- 18 them.
- 19 Q. In fact, the job search market is
- 20 actually substantially more concentrated than
- 21 that, isn't it?
- 22 A. It tends to be.
- 23 Q. Do you know whether the Forensic
- JobStats job postings are limited to job boards
- 25 that have a material portion of the market share?

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- 2 A. Well, I think Indeed.com has a material
- 3 portion because aggregate on a variety of
- 4 different sites and people post on them directly
- 5 as well.
- Q. You don't know whether the references to
- 7 jobs posted on Indeed.com that are aggregated are
- 8 duplicative of other entries in the database, do
- 9 you?
- 10 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 11 A. We went through the duplicate process.
- 12 It is possible that a job posted on Indeed.com
- 13 may be on another site but that was part of the
- 14 quality process that we were using as well.
- 15 Q. It is also possible, is it not, it might
- 16 be that some of jobs that you're referencing in
- 17 Forensic JobStats' database are listed on job
- 18 boards that it might not be reasonable to expect
- 19 a candidate to access, correct?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 21 A. Not really, no.
- 22 O. Doesn't the Forensic JobStats' database
- include a number of esoteric job boards?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 25 A. Just a very few. A lot out them were

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- 2 with companies directly -- if Ms. Fischman had
- 3 been looking at jobs with keywords and job
- 4 titles, she would have come across. She
- 5 primarily used, as I recall, LinkedIn, which is
- one source but not a comprehensive one.
- 7 Q. Doesn't LinkedIn aggregate other job
- 8 sources as well?
- 9 A. No, not really. You have to pay to be
- 10 on that and they tend not to do that.
- 11 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 12 A. So far.
- 13 Q. Do you know whether Ms. Fischman
- 14 utilized Indeed.com?
- 15 A. It does not appear that she did from
- 16 what I can tell from that data that was given to
- 17 us. And if she did, it was very minimal.
- 18 Q. Do you know whether any court has
- 19 considered whether Forensic JobStats is a
- 20 reliable database?
- 21 A. No, I dot not. I do know it's been used
- 22 frequently but I do not if has -- if there's been
- 23 a ruling of that or not.
- Q. So you don't know one way or the other?
- 25 A. No.

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- 2 Q. Would knowledge of whether a court has
- 3 deemed the Forensic JobStats' board reliable
- 4 impact your decision to utilize that database?
- 5 A. It depends on the type of decision, what
- 6 it applied to, what was context. Many factors go
- 7 in there. And one court may say no and another
- 8 may say yes.
- 9 Q. Are you aware that there's a possibility
- 10 that your testimony could be challenged under the
- 11 Federal rules of evidence as being -- that it
- 12 could be challenged in terms of its admissibility
- 13 at trial?
- 14 A. Under what grounds?
- 15 Q. Are you familiar that a party in a
- 16 litigation can challenge the testimony of an
- 17 opposing party's expert?
- 18 A. I think you need to explain that little
- 19 bit.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. I'm not following you.
- 22 Q. Let's try it a different way. In any of
- 23 the litigations where you have testified, have
- 24 you testified at trial?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 2 Q. Do you know whether your testimony at
- 3 trial has ever been challenged?
- A. Of course -- well, under cross for sure.
- 5 Yes.
- 6 Q. I don't mean under cross examination. I
- 7 mean with respect to a motion to exclude your
- 8 testimony?
- 9 A. I'm sure there have been some cases with
- 10 where that has occurred.
- 11 Q. So you understand that there's a process
- 12 by which a party can seek to exclude the
- 13 testimony of a testifying expert witness,
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. Of course.
- 16 Q. And so my question to you is if you are
- 17 aware that a court had excluded the testimony of
- 18 a witness who relied upon Forensic JobStats for
- 19 the reason that the database was not considered
- 20 reliable, would that change your decision to rely
- 21 upon that data here in this case?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection, hypothetical.
- 23 A. Not only is it a hypothetical but it
- 24 excludes the other portion of my opinion, which
- 25 is the diligence of the job search.

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- 2 Q. Are you aware that courts in this
- 3 jurisdiction have excluded the opinions of the
- 4 type that you're providing here?
- 5 A. I'm sure there have been cases where
- 6 that may have occurred.
- 7 Q. Do you know whether Chad Staller's
- 8 opinions have ever been excluded?
- 9 A. No, I have no idea.
- 10 Q. Do you know whether his opinions relying
- 11 upon Forensic JobStats have ever been excluded?
- 12 A. Again, I have no idea.
- 13 Q. Wouldn't you want to know whether
- 14 Forensic JobStats have ever been determined to be
- 15 unreliable before you relied upon them in your
- 16 expert report?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection, argumentive.
- 18 A. Mr. Berman, I'm sure if there were cases
- 19 like that I would -- it would be helpful to know.
- 20 But as stated before, it really depends on the
- 21 context and the other factors that were involved
- 22 in that decision.
- THE REPORTER: Can we take a break?
- 24 MR. BERMAN: Yes. We're almost done.
- Let's take a quick break and see if we can

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- wrap up.
- 3 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)
- Q. On page 20 of your report, do you see in
- 5 the second paragraph there towards the end
- 6 there's a listing of executive positions included
- 7 and it goes vice president of business legal
- 8 affairs, vice president chief privacy counsel,
- 9 vice president chief legal officer, PGIM, et
- 10 cetera?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. What's the basis for including these
- 13 executive positions as jobs that were suitable
- 14 for Ms. Fischman?
- 15 A. Well, the vice president of business
- 16 legal affairs, depending on size of the company,
- 17 could be something that she would be applying
- 18 for. You know, executive positions have a lot to
- 19 do with the size of the company. She certainly
- 20 was working as an associate, GC, assistant GC and
- 21 temporarily as a GC. So she can position herself
- 22 as someone who could be a reasonable candidate
- 23 for these positions.
- I do want to make clear, however, that I
- 25 don't see these positions necessarily being the

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- 2 bulk of her applications or that she would be
- 3 qualified to be employed in those jobs in major
- 4 corporations -- really large corporations.
- 5 Q. Turning to page 22 of the report under
- 6 "Labor Market Research Results."
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. The second full paragraph under that
- 9 section says, "Ms. Fischman's records and
- 10 testimony reflect that she viewed and applied for
- 11 a total of only 100 jobs between January 2017 and
- 12 September 2018 as summarized in Appendix D.
- 13 During this somewhat brief job search, Ms.
- 14 Fischman could have made 201 applications to
- 15 potential jobs published during this time.
- 16 Starting with the date of her separation from
- 17 Mitsubishi through May 2020, she could have
- applied to approximately 683 published job
- 19 openings for which she was highly qualified."
- 20 Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Where is the list of 683 job postings?
- 23 A. They're on a Forensic JobStats
- 24 spreadsheet that I have that we summarized in the
- 25 appendices of the report.

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- 2 Q. So those haven't been provide to us,
- 3 correct?
- 4 A. Not as of yet, no.
- 5 Q. When you say "summarized," you mean
- 6 quantified, correct?
- 7 A. Quantified.
- 8 Q. There is no material that we can review
- 9 that would allow us to verify your conclusion
- 10 that Ms. Fischman was highly qualified for those
- 11 particular jobs, right?
- 12 A. Not at this time.
- 13 Q. With respect to your use of the
- 14 vocational model we talked about for quite a bit
- of time already today, is there any indication
- 16 that you can provide to us to substantiate that
- 17 your use of this model had been generally
- 18 accepted by anyone else other than yourself?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 20 A. I'm sure if we looked into case law we
- 21 can find some.
- 22 Q. So sitting here today are you aware of
- 23 any reference material that would show that this
- 24 methodology has been generally accepted by your
- 25 community of vocational experts?

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- 2 A. I think that this does appear in one of
- 3 the chapters in the Rick Robinson publication --
- 4 let me get that out there. Also the Oxford
- 5 Handbook of Job Loss and Job Search by Oxford
- 6 University Press, as well as the Rehabilitation
- 7 Professional. And the other book, was the one I
- 8 mentioned before, which was edited by Rick
- 9 Robinson -- hold on just a moment and I'll get --
- 10 and he is a very highly respected and
- 11 well-published author about this process and has
- done so for quite sometime and he published a
- 13 book as well that I regard as an excellent peer
- 14 reviewed fact-based model about this -- I wish I
- 15 can find the name of it. Here it is, Vocational
- 16 and Rehabilitation Assessment Model, Robinson and
- 17 Pomeranz, 2011; Robinson and Paquette in 2013.
- 18 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. In the literature that you just
- 21 described, what does the word "rehabilitation"
- 22 pertain to?
- 23 A. Returning to work -- rehabilitating
- 24 somebody to be able to return to work. As we
- 25 discussed previously during our time together,

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- 2 the rehabilitation model still serves as at least
- 3 a model of the process that we go through. Even
- 4 if rehabilitation is not necessarily the primary
- 5 focus of the opinion, it's the process that we
- 6 look at.
- 7 Q. But there's nothing in the model that
- 8 compares jobs to other jobs, right?
- 9 A. They compare the -- they will talk about
- 10 comparing what's required in those jobs -- the
- 11 specific elements of those jobs that can be
- described in the Occupational Handbook, the
- 13 Bureau of Labor Statistics, the US Department of
- 14 Labor and then comparing them to the person's
- 15 qualifications, experience, knowledge and skills.
- 16 Is it a compare this job to this job type of
- 17 example, unlikely. It's a process.
- 18 Q. Have you completed your response?
- 19 A. I have.
- 20 Q. And you skipped the step of model that
- 21 considers impairment relate information, didn't
- 22 you?
- MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 24 A. No, I did not skip it. There was no --
- 25 I mean, other than the complaint, there was no

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- 2 documentation to support the impairment piece.
- And, in fact, Ms. Fischman did execute some steps
- 4 in the job search indicating she knew what to do
- 5 to a certain degree and did so. It just was a
- 6 very limited period of time and effort.
- 7 Q. But performing some steps of a process
- 8 doesn't necessarily mean you weren't impaired in
- 9 that process, right? If someone has a walking
- 10 impairment, they still may be able to walk
- 11 several steps before their impairment manifests,
- 12 right?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. Can we agree that step, the three
- 15 impairment related analysis, is not included in
- 16 your expert report?
- 17 A. I would agree that we considered it and
- 18 did not consider -- and did not have enough
- 19 information to be able to say definitively how
- 20 impaired she was.
- 21 Q. Okay. So do we agree that that's not in
- 22 your report?
- 23 A. It is not in my report.
- Q. Okay. What about -- we already
- 25 discussed that one of the steps is behavorial

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- 2 observations and that's not in your report,
- 3 correct?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And psychometric testing and work
- 6 samples, we've already gone through that, right?
- 7 A. They don't apply.
- 8 Q. What about assessment of activities, is
- 9 that in your report?
- 10 A. Assessment of activities? Do you mean
- in terms of one's activity that one undertakes?
- 12 I'm not sure I understand what you mean.
- 13 Q. I'm just referencing the steps in the
- 14 vocational model. That's one of the steps --
- 15 A. Right. The steps of activities she --
- 16 you know, without having interviewed her, she
- 17 indicated she was conducting the activities for a
- 18 real estate agent, so she was performing
- 19 activities. And she also had performed
- 20 activities in her job search. And she appeared
- 21 to still be involved in some community
- 22 organization so that is unclear. So, apparently,
- 23 I'm assuming, yes, she was involved in activity.
- Q. Is that contained in your report?
- 25 A. It's not necessarily contained every

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- 2 element of this in the report, sir. But it is
- 3 not included in this report nor is it necessary.
- 4 Q. Thank you. What about recommendations
- 5 for vocational rehabilitation, is that contained
- 6 in your report?
- 7 A. No. I saw no reason to include
- 8 vocational rehabilitation. She was -- she needed
- 9 to look for work and I had no documentation,
- 10 reports, medical reviews indicating that she
- 11 needed rehabilitation.
- 12 Q. Flipping back to the issue of the
- 13 Forensic JobStats. Is the big picture purpose
- 14 there to try to figure out what job openings may
- 15 have appeared in the labor market during the
- 16 period of Ms. Fischman's unemployment?
- 17 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 18 A. When looking at the published
- 19 opportunities, that give us some references point
- 20 about demand for those jobs in that marketplace.
- 21 It does not -- I repeat -- it does not include
- 22 unpublished job, which would have been covered
- 23 with more networking, meetings and doing more
- 24 research and outside of just online postings.
- 25 Q. So then do I understand correctly that

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- 2 you're not taking the position that your Forensic
- 3 JobStats' database accurately reflects the full
- 4 extent of opportunities available to Ms.
- 5 Fischman?
- 6 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 7 A. It is only an indication and does not
- 8 include the full extent because a lot of those
- 9 would be unpublished in her level.
- 10 Q. So we can't use Forensic JobStats to
- 11 reconstruct the job market that existed during
- 12 the entire period of Ms. Fischman unemployment,
- 13 can?
- 14 A. We can use it as an indicator about some
- 15 aspect of the job demand at that time.
- 16 Q. It's an indicator of job demand, is that
- 17 right?
- 18 A. Job demand and employment market, yes.
- 19 Q. When you use the phrase "job demand," is
- 20 that, you know, a function of the economics
- 21 discipline?
- 22 A. It indicates a function of the economics
- 23 discipline, it indicates what job were posted,
- 24 how that indicates some level of activity and
- 25 demand for particular occupations in particular

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- 2 labor markets.
- 3 Q. Do you know how long the jobs that were
- 4 contained within the database were posted for?
- 5 A. I can't say for sure but they weren't
- 6 repeated over long periods of time. I don't
- 7 think they were posted for years at a time.
- 8 Q. But you also don't know whether they
- 9 were only posted for short periods of time,
- 10 correct?
- 11 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 12 A. That is correct. Generally speaking,
- 13 they were posted for at least six weeks to a
- 14 quarter.
- 15 Q. How do you know that?
- 16 A. Because we can see them repeated later
- on and we knew they were duplicates but we can
- 18 tell they were posted for a while or they had
- 19 not -- they appeared at another time so the job
- 20 was not filled.
- 21 Q. So that's an inference, correct?
- 22 A. That's an inference, yes, sir.
- 23 Q. You don't know whether the particular
- 24 jobs that were listed were ultimately filled or
- 25 unfilled, right?

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- 2 A. That is right.
- 3 Q. You don't know whether if they were
- 4 filled, they were filled with internal or
- 5 external candidates?
- 6 A. I believe I answered that question
- 7 previously.
- 8 Q. Making sure.
- 9 MR. BERMAN: Skip that.
- 10 Q. The job postings that you examined, did
- 11 they contain information concerning the amount of
- 12 travel required?
- 13 A. Some did.
- Q. And how many included that information?
- 15 A. Not that many. Travel was not necessary
- 16 a larger component in some of these jobs.
- 17 Q. Did those job postings provide
- 18 information concerning the number of direct
- 19 reports that the applicant would have if they
- 20 were hired?
- 21 A. I believe there were some that did.
- Q. How many had that information?
- 23 A. I can't recall at this time.
- Q. Did any of the job postings indicate
- 25 whether they would provide promotional

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- 2 opportunities?
- 3 A. I don't think so.
- 4 Q. Did any of them indicate particular
- 5 geographic locations?
- 6 A. Most did.
- 7 Q. So my question to you is this: You
- 8 testified -- also to not leave anything out --
- 9 that most of them don't have compensation
- 10 information, right?
- 11 A. Yes, that's true.
- 12 Q. So if a job posting doesn't have the
- 13 compensation information, the amount of travel
- 14 required, the number of direct reports, whether
- it's going to provide a promotional opportunity,
- 16 how can one assess whether those positions are
- 17 suitable for Ms. Fischman?
- 18 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 19 A. Well, I think you're mischaracterizing
- 20 my response, sir. I said some did and some did
- 21 not just. Just because it's not listed or not
- 22 listed as a requirement or -- then it doesn't
- 23 mean that -- let me rephrase that.
- If the job listed travel, generally, it
- 25 would indicate about the amount of time it was

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- 2 required. If the job indicated there was some
- 3 promotional opportunity, that would have been
- 4 noted. It doesn't mean, however, that just
- 5 because a job did not note that, that it did not
- 6 have that.
- 7 Q. Okay. But in your determination of
- 8 whether to include or exclude these jobs, we have
- 9 to take your word for it, right, we can't check?
- 10 MS. PRIMAVERA: Objection.
- 11 A. We have to go by what the published job
- 12 describes, where it is and some of the
- 13 requirements involved. So I can't say that's
- 14 taking my word for it, the description themselves
- 15 are in the data and can be seen.
- 16 Q. But you haven't provided that to me so I
- 17 have to take it under say so, don't I?
- 18 A. Right now, yes.
- MR. BERMAN: I'll tender the witness at
- this time. Thank you for your help today.
- I appreciate your testimony.
- No further questions at this time.
- MS. PRIMAVERA: I don't have questions
- 24 for the witness.
- MR. BERMAN: Thank you all. I

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              Toni, we are going to order.
              MS. PRIMAVERA: Copy.
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              MR. JOLLY: No order.
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             MS. PRIMAVERA: I'll share with him.
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8	THAT the within transcript is a true
9	record of the testimony given by such witness.
10	I further certify that I am not related,
11	either by blood or marriage; to any of the
12	parties to this action; and
13	THAT I am in no way interested in the
14	outcome of this matter.
15	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
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